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MINISTRY REMOVES SALARY CAP ON INDIAN COACHES

Sports minister Kiren Rijiju says elite Indian coaches will be eligible for over ₹2 lakh a month and four-year contracts

ATTRACTING FORMER ELITE ATHLETES

The ministry said future hirings will be like that of foreign coaches, for a four-year cycle in sync with Olympics. This move, according to ministry, has been taken "to attract ex-elite athletes into the high performance sporting ecosystem, and to use their experience and skill to train athletes bound for major international competitions, including the Olympics" | P13

TARGET CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

- All new coaches and existing coaches who are given the new contracts will be imparting training at national camps and SAI's National Center of Excellence (NCOEs)
- The selection will be made jointly by the sports ministry and respective National Sports Federations

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NUMBER OF NCOEs IN INDIA TO BENEFIT FROM THIS

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EXPRESS READ

I-T dept pushes for equalisation levy

New Delhi: The I-T dept on Saturday notified changes to tax challans to make foreign e-commerce transactions liable for 2% equalisation levy. The first instalment of the tax is to be paid on July 7 | P12

'Most firms report revenue loss in Q4'

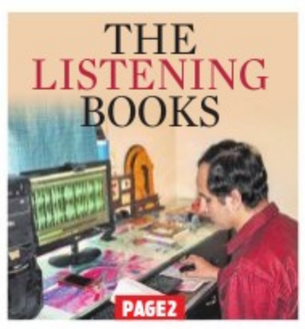
New Delhi: Companies across sectors suffered a 5% revenue dip and a 30% drop in operating profits in the 4th quarter of FY20, says a new SBI Ecowrap report | P12

3 Indian firms keen on monorail project

Mumbai: BHEL, BEML and Titagarh have shown interest in manufacturing rakes for the monorail project, weeks after MMRDA scrapped the bids by two Chinese firms | P12

Kolkata bans flights from 6 cities

Kolkata: No passenger flights will operate to Kolkata from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Pune, Nagpur and Ahmedabad between July 6 and July 19, the Kolkata airport said on Saturday | P10



A convoy of Indian Army trucks moves towards the LAC in eastern Ladakh, in the backdrop of the stand-off with Chinese troops, in Leh on Saturday | PTI

China's many border disputes prove PM's point, say experts

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

CHINA on Friday refuted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks of expansionism but Beijing has an ongoing border/maritime dispute with 18 countries primarily because of its claims on the other country's territory or waters.

In the South China Sea, it has disputes with countries such as Vietnam, Taiwan, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Despite a 2016 arbitration ruling against it, Beijing continues to push its claims for jurisdiction over the resource-rich region.

China is also involved in a tussle with Japan over the ownership of the Senkaku Islands, known as Diaoyudao Islands in China. While the administration of the waters has been with the Japanese, China lays claim to the islands. As recently as Thursday, the Japanese had lodged a protest when two Chinese vessels entered their territory.

China also lays claims to Mongolia, citing historical precedents. Beijing does not recognise its northern neighbour. With India, apart from the Ladakh sector where it has a border dispute, China also does not recognise Arunachal Pradesh to be part of India's territory. Its maps include India's northeastern state.

"Yes, of course China is pursuing expansionism. But China is so hypersensitive about its perceived sovereignty that it forgets that it has another role to play as a modern nation," said Debashis Chaudhari of the Institute of Chinese Studies.

B R Deepak, Sinologist and chairperson of the Centre for Chinese and South Asian Studies at JNU, echoed his views saying China was quick to accuse others of imperialist expansionism but never accepted its own imperial expansionism.

"Modi has struck the right chords when he talked about expansionism, no wonder China knew who the target was and came up with their explanations. China has laid huge territorial claims in the South China Sea where its claims are being fiercely contested by Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, etc," he said. P9

ICMR defends vaccine push, says process in line with global norms

Says order to speed up clinical trial meant to cut red tape, but silent on August 15 launch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A day after the Indian Council of Medical Research was widely criticised for setting a deadline of sorts to develop an indigenous vaccine for Covid-19, the country's apex health research body said on Saturday that its order to 12 hospitals to expedite clinical trials was in accordance with "globally accepted norms to fast-track the vaccine development."

In a statement, the ICMR said its letter "to investigators of the clinical trial sites was meant to cut unnecessary red tape, without bypassing any necessary process, and speed up recruitment of participants." It was, however, silent on the date of the launch of the vaccine, which had been fixed for August 15.

ICMR director general Balram Bhargava's July 2 letter directed the hospitals to get immediate approval by their internal research ethics committee and enroll subjects and complete the trial at the earliest as the government was looking to launch the vaccine for public use by August 15.

It warned that "non-compliance will be viewed very seriously."

Saturday's statement sought to defend the July 2 letter saying "after intense characterisation and review of all data from BBIL, (the) ICMR is supporting the clinical development as the vaccine candidate appears to be promising."

The clarification said the "ICMR is committed to treat the safety and interests of people of India as a topmost priority." Based on in-depth scrutiny of the available data from pre-clinical studies, the Drugs Controller General of India has accorded permission to conduct phase 1 and 2 clinical trial, the statement said, adding that in the larger public health interest, it was important for the ICMR to expedite the clinical trials with "a promising indigenous vaccine."

India's nodal agency for Covid 19 management also said that just as red tape was not allowed to become a hindrance in the fast track approval of new indigenous testing kits or for introducing in the Indian market potential Covid-19 related drugs, the indigenous vaccine development process has also been sought to be insulated from slow file movement.

The aim was to complete these phases at the earliest so that population-based trials for its efficacy could be initiated without delay, the ICMR said, adding that the trials would be done following the best practices and rigour and would be reviewed, as required, by a Data Safety Monitoring Board.

Trust our researchers, says ICMR

The ICMR said, while criticism is welcome, one should not second guess the best of India's medical professionals and research scientists for their professionalism or adherence to the highest scientific rigour.

'Can't expect a vaccine this year'

A vaccine cannot be expected before early next year, as its development is a complex process, said Rakesh Mishra, Director of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology.

1,839
Saturday saw the highest number of new positive cases till date

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KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

9,244 Recoveries so far
335 Deaths so far
21,549 Cases till Saturday

- Bengaluru Urban once again topped in the number of positive cases on a single day with 1,172. It also registered the highest of 24 of 42 deaths in state
- Police stations, hospitals and many residential areas sealed down in Mysuru
- Random testing to be carried out in Vijayapura. Routine testing of symptomatic patients to continue
- 6 people who died recently in Bidar test +ve

CM adds heft to Covid fight, drafts two more ministers

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AS the number of Covid-19 positive cases continues to surge in Bengaluru, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday roped in two of his key ministers into the team that is fighting the pandemic. With this move, the CM will be looking at augmenting resources, specially in Bengaluru, while placating ruffled feathers.

The CM has delegated the responsibility of overseeing Covid care centres (CCC) to Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwanthnarayan while Revenue Minister R Ashok, along with the CM's political secretary Vishwanath, will coordinate with private hospitals as regard availability of beds. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar will continue to focus on the Coronavirus policy and has also been entrusted with the task of briefing the media daily.

Ashok and Ashwanthnarayana, both MLAs from Bengaluru, were said to be miffed over not being taken into confidence while Dr Sudhakar was given overall charge of Covid-19-related issues in Bengaluru. Opposition leaders too had accused the ministers of not having proper coordination.

Recently, when Sudhakar's family members tested positive for Covid-19, he was under home quarantine and during that time, Ashok was given charge of the state capital. This apparently left Health Minister B Sriramulu and Dr Ashwathnarayana disappointed.

Sources said that at a time when the number of cases in the city is increasing, the CM was keen to ensure that all his ministers work as a cohesive team, without any differences. "A number of IAS and IPS officers are working on measures to fight the pandemic. It is a smart move by the CM to delegate responsibility to three ministers and involve all of them," the sources added. P5

Centralised system for allocation of beds in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE State Government on Saturday constituted a real-time bed allocation team under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for easy availability to Covid-19 patients in Bengaluru, which has seen a huge spike in the number of cases.

The team will also address grievances of patients and families over non-availability of beds.

The new centralised system, headed by Tushar Girinath, Principal Secretary, Co-operation Department, will have real-time bed allocation and availability software with a hotline to 108 ambulance service and 1912 grievance redressal service in case patients are deprived of beds.

As per the circular issued on Saturday, the BBMP team will get the list of Covid -positive patients from the ICMR portal on a real-time basis and will call the patient to ascertain his/her correct address and location. P7

INTERVIEW

'We lost 26 lakh man-hours in the last two months'

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

MANY ongoing defence projects at the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) are likely to be hit due to the Covid-19-induced disruption in the supply chain in India and abroad.

HAL Chairman and MD R Madhavan told *TNSE* that getting materials from subcontractors, mostly MSMEs,

PHOTO: VINOD KUMAR T

and some big firms is crucial for their projects. "We lost 26 lakh man-hours in the last two months. Currently, it is recoverable as long as material starts coming. But our main problem is with the supply chain," Madhavan said while hoping for an improvement in the situation. The ongoing projects like Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Su-30MKI repair and overhaul, Intermediate Jet Trainer that is designed and developed by the PSU, and Advanced Light Helicopter, are likely to take a hit.

FULL INTERVIEW: P9

COVID SCARE

Techies from North Karnataka logging out of IT City

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SILICON City no longer appeals to techies and others from North Karnataka. Most of them, who had migrated for better livelihood and had settled in the capital city, are rushing to their hometowns.

The reason is not far to seek. An alarming spike in Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru, a dubious distinction of 1,172 on Saturday alone, is making these panic-stricken people head back home.

Most of the buses operating to the districts of North Karnataka from Bengaluru have been running full for the past few days.

Siddramappa Navalgund, a software engineer and a resident of Kamalanagar in Bengaluru, said, "Every day, the Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru are seeing a drastic rise. This has created panic everywhere. We have decided to lock our home and leave for Gadag, our hometown, for about a month or till the situation returns to normal."

He has been living in Bengaluru for the past two decades. He said, "Since cases in Bengaluru are rising rapidly, the tech firm where I work has given permission to work from home for the next two months. And my father, who works in a private company, has tendered his resignation due to the Covid fear. We feel safer in our hometown than Bengaluru."

A migrant worker's family returns to their hometown with their belongings on Saturday, apprehensive about the increasing number of Covid cases in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

Anil Myageri, a resident of Lokapur of Bagalkot, said 12 people, including him, from the surrounding villages, work in automobile companies located in and around Kengeri and Bidadi. "We are all friends. Our parents started panicking when they heard of the Covid surge in Bengluru. After taking the permission of our respective managers, we all returned to our hometown on Friday," said Anil.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, Govinda Reddy, Chief Executive Officer of Vijayapura Zilla Panchayat, said, "It has come to our notice that after the rise in Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru, people in large numbers are returning to their hometowns. We cannot insist on home quarantine as they are intra-state travellers." P5

SAFETY FIRST

Secretariat staff from sealed zones can work from home

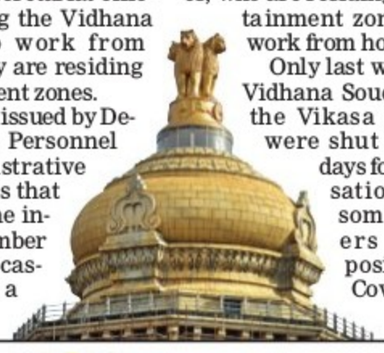
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Government has permitted its employees who are working out of the Secretariat offices, including the Vidhana Soudha, to work from home if they are residing in containment zones.

A circular issued by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms says that in view of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases, there is a need to take precautionary measures.

Hence, employees working in Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha, MS Building and other Secretariat offices, who are residing in containment zones, can work from home.

Only last week, the Vidhana Soudha and the Vikasa Soudha were shut for two days for sanitisation after some staffers tested positive for Covid-19.



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THE LISTENING BOOKS

Malnad man bringing out great works in Kannada as audiobooks

Chinmaya M Rao edits a copy of an audio book

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YOU love stories, but reading them is a chore. But if someone were to read them out to you loud and clear, filled with life, expression and emotion, it would be a fun exercise. With this simple principle, audio books have evolved as the go-to storytelling tool for the generation on the go. Meanwhile, a Malnad man's mission to turn Kannada favourites – stories, poems and more – into audio books to be savoured from one's mobile phone is a fascinating tale in itself.

Chinmaya M Rao, who hails from Honagodu village of Sagar taluk, Shivamogga district, founded Kannada Times, which is spearheading this unique idea. During the lockdown with everything closed, Chinmay, who was at his village, had a brainstorm of sorts when he felt if popular and great works in Kannada could be converted into audiobooks, they would appeal to a wider audience, including a younger one, in turn improving their overall affinity towards books and literature.

"The present generation clings on to headphones to listen to music from mobile phones. Therefore, I thought, 'if I could offer them literature and stories in the form of audiobooks, would it interest them'," says Chinmaya.

As part of his plan of putting 'words to action', Kannada literature, stories from mythology, tales for children, prose, novels, poems, religious discourses and even chintanas began to be converted into audiobooks by the Kannada Times Society. In total, 50 books have been converted into their audio versions, thus converting readers into listeners.

Sharing his initiative with *TNSE*, he reflects that while many young writers aspire to get their writings printed as books, publishers hesitate to assist them, since reading as a habit is on the decline among people, especially the youth and children. "Many are trying hard to build a culture of reading. They are also trying to explore different means that have some novelty in them. With all these realities, we made an effort to propagate knowledge to people in the form of audiobooks," he adds.

The presentation of books in their audio format also aids various sections of the society. While on one hand, it kills the need to carry any books while getting around, on the other, it enables the unlettered also to tune into stories with their cell phones in hand. "It is the presenter who presents the books in their voice and many a times, the structured sentences will be presented in a colloquial manner that holds the listeners' attention. Such minor alterations (without changing the meaning), are made for the audio format," he says.

Meanwhile, it ought to be noted that recording a reading or rendition for an audiobook isn't as easy as it sounds. Like in every case, Kannada Times too has paid attention to the quality, tone and clarity of the voiceovers, laying special emphasis on good pronunciation and enunciation. "We took the help of professional voice lenders like Usha Natesh Kasaravalli, who has read stories for children; Jeevottama H Rao, who presented a series of stories on chintana religious discourse; retired professor S C Gowrishankar also offered religious discourses and other poems, which were all part of these audiobooks. Anchored by Sandhya Bhat of Tirthahalli, Alpine School students Simran, Sanjay and Sejal have rendered their voice for these audiobooks too," Chintan says.

MULTI-FACETED TALENT

Apart from curating audiobooks in recent times, Chinmaya M Rao is also a Carnatic vocalist and music composer, who has lent his voice for many films, brought out several music albums, and also composed music for some Kannada films. He has also scored music for one of the songs sung by popular singer Hariharan.

ACCESSING THE AUDIOBOOKS

Those who wish to listen to these audiobooks can subscribe to the Kannada Times channel for free on YouTube. For more updates visit FB page: facebook.com/kannada times audio books, and also follow them on Twittr @k t audio books

Ilkal artist turns scrap into stunning sculptures

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WHEN he see junk, his eyes light up. No wonder because he turns worthless scrap into priceless art. He is an artist who has experimented with many media but ultimately found his forte in converting scrap material into unique bird and animal forms.

Moving from one medium to another for expressing his innermost thoughts and sketching and capturing the images of life around him – 38-year-old Basavaraj K Sulikeri from Ilkal (Bagalkot) -- has been experimenting with scrap and metal waste to design unique art objects. He has gained many admirers and got an opportunity to display his works in art colleges, museums and galleries.

A scrapped Honda can turn into a piece of art in his hands. Or for that matter, even an abandoned Bajaj. "My first piece was 'two deer and a crane' from a scrapped Honda while a camel was done from an old Bajaj M80 vehicle. For this, I had to pay Rs 4,000 for this dilapidated scooter. This was a tough piece as designing the face and the body of a camel was difficult to do. But my interest and passion has forged my growth in the field of arts," he says.

One of the most challenging pieces that he has designed from scrap iron is this deer. The idea flowed when he was observing an old model of a Honda SS bike. Basavaraj says, "The chassis looked like an antelope and that is when the idea generated in my mind to do an installation piece. Till now, I have designed 75 art pieces. Most of the pieces are either in galleries or with art collectors."

It all started in 2006 – when Basavaraj, a qualified artist from Hampi University with a diploma in Installation Art -- was requested by the Bijapur Art College to do an installation art piece. This was followed by a request from the art campus of Davangere University and he did two pieces for them. Once he worked on 50 pieces and finished them in just 10 days. However, he says finalising the concept itself and collecting the metal waste from a junk yard took him almost 20 days.

"The idea takes time – I look at the scrap material and only then I am able to design the art pieces based on the requirement of the customer. Depending on the size of the art piece and the customer's requirement, these installations are designed. In fact, my smaller pieces are more intricate and it takes a lot of time and effort."

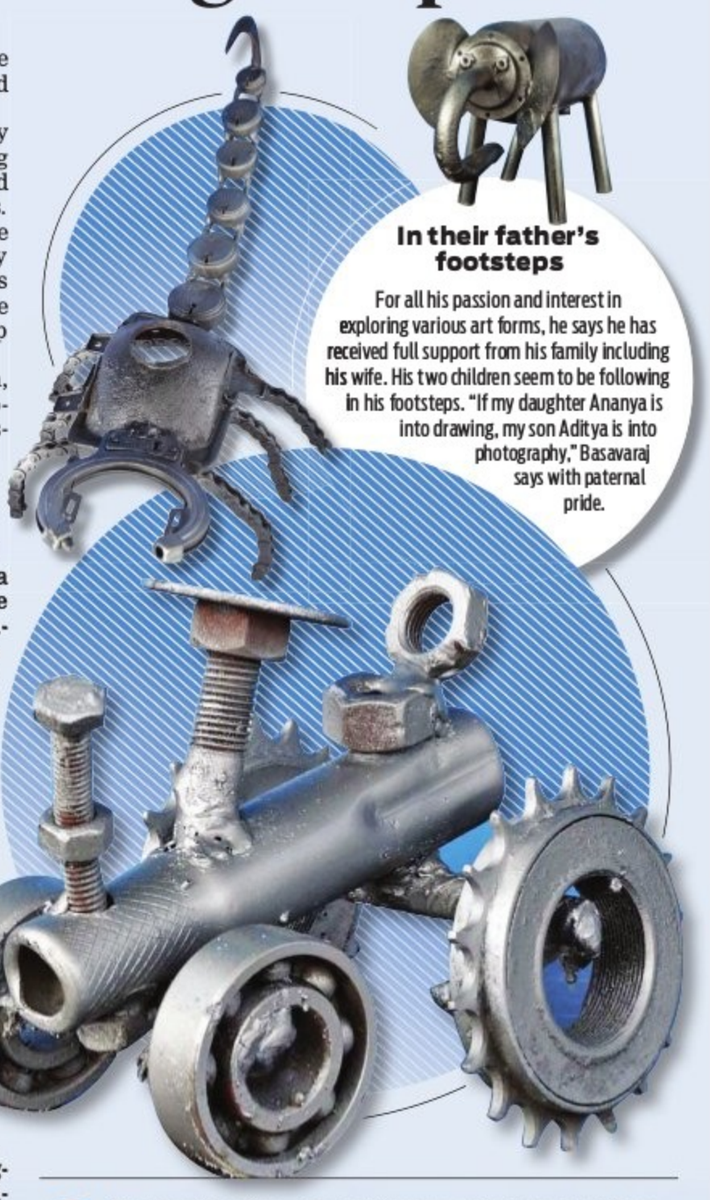
He has been fascinated by etching out and designing many animal forms and even insects like scorpions.

How does he procure the scrap material? He usually collects it from scrap yards or even waste collectors., He pays Rs 25 per kg of scrap iron.

For this unusual passion, he has received lot of support from his mother Anasuya. The first time – his mother gave him Rs 5,000 for purchasing scrap metal from the Gujari. He designed many pieces which were displayed at the Shilpa Kala Kendra. Many people who saw this art installation for the first time were so fascinated that they paid nearly Rs 25,000 for a single piece.

Apart from this, the multi-faceted artist is also into painting and photography as also sculptures. Although his focus is modern art, he has also done pictorial photography. He started from bird photography and then moved on to installation art and he is back doing photography but in the modern way.

Basavaraj is now specializing in digital media as he says it is an emerging field with lot of potential. And once again, this youngster moves in search of new media to satisfy his cravings and his urge to experiment with new art forms.



In their father's footsteps

For all his passion and interest in exploring various art forms, he says he has received full support from his family including his wife. His two children seem to be following in his footsteps. "If my daughter Ananya is into drawing, my son Aditya is into photography," Basavaraj says with paternal pride.

The idea takes time – I look at the scrap material and only then I am able to design the art pieces based on the requirement of the customer

Basavaraj K Sulikeri

One of the photographs that Basavaraj K Sulikeri took; (above) some of his art installations made from scrap material | EXPRESS

No decision on college exams, students in a limbo

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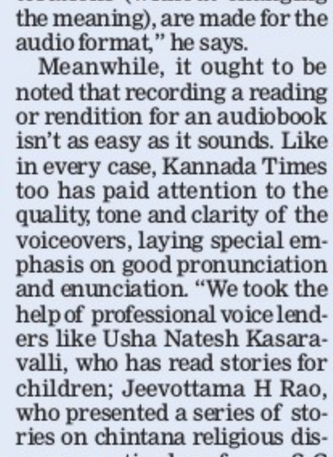
COLLEGE students are still unsure whether or not they will have to write their final exams this year, as the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, which was expected to take a decision on Saturday, has not yet taken a call.

Although the State government is deciding on the pros and cons of holding the exams, it will decide based on guidance from the MHRD. However, until Saturday evening, there was no word from the Union ministry, Commissioner for Collegiate Education, Pradeep P told *The New Sunday Express*.

While sources said that the government has held discussions on whether to promote students or not, Pradeep said that it would require amendments to rules and approval from the governor. These steps have to be followd even if the MHRD allows promotion without holding exams.



In accordance with MHRD directives, the State government had mandated that lecturers complete the syllabus by June 15 and declared holidays till the end of the month. But on June 30, the MHRD allowed work from home for teaching and non-teaching staff until July 31. The state government, however, limited the extension of holidays for teaching staff to July 15.

"Even if we continued classes, would it be for the same batch or the next one? This would solely depend on the government's discretion," a lecturer told *The New Sunday Express*.

Should the department decide to hold exams, students must have four weeks of classes prior to that, said Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University. Prof K R Venugopal.

President of Karnataka Government Teachers Association H Prakash said it would do a large number of undergraduate students great injustice if online classes are not compensated by real classroom teaching. "Even in the IT capital Bengaluru, a large number of students (in his estimate, 40 per cent) lack the necessary infrastructure for online classes. Several come from economically weaker backgrounds," he said.

The Association of Mangalore University College Teachers (AMUCT) has drawn the government's attention to yet another hurdle to a seamless academic experience for students -- differing exam calendars among universities. It has urged the government to focus on a common curriculum system.

Delhi HC declines to entertain plea against K'taka quota in NLSIU

Bengaluru: The Delhi High Court on Friday declined to entertain a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Karnataka government's decision to provide 25 per cent reservation to students from Karnataka. A division bench comprising Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad declined to entertain the petition on the ground that it did not fall under its jurisdiction, but that of Karnataka, and permitted the petitioners the liberty to approach the relevant courts. The petitioner then withdrew the petition.

COVID FEAR

Few takers for Belagavi, Mysuru night trains

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FOLLOWING public demand for an overnight journey, the Bengaluru Railway Division decided to run the superfast special day train between Bengaluru and Belagavi as a night train a week ago. However, the occupancy figures do not seem to pick up. A similar scene persists with regard to the Bengaluru-Mysuru train when it comes to occupancy.

Statistics released by the Division over the last 10 days for the Bengaluru-Mysuru train (Train no. 06505/06504) reveals that the occupancy has never crossed 13% on this train in either direction. Out of the 1426 seats, all of them chair car (2S), the maximum occupancy has been 158 seats on June 22 from Mysuru to KSR station. It has even had 35 seats only occupied on June 28.

The night train too does not seem to have helped in boosting occupancy on the Belagavi special train. Statistics released since June 26 reveal that the occupancy figure for this train which leaves KSR at 9 pm and reaches Belagavi at 7.25 am ranged between 0 to 29% across its First AC, Second AC, Sleeper and Second chair classes when it departed from Bengaluru.

On the return journey from Belagavi, which follows similar timings, the figures were similar. A total of 146 seats out of 1,426 were occupied on June 29 while the maximum occupancy on the route has been 200 seats on June 30.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bangalore Division, A N Krishna Reddy said, "The patronage is picking up on the train between Bengaluru and Belagavi. "

A railway official told The New Sunday Express, "There is generally a lack of inclination to travel anywhere due to fear of the pandemic. So, this huge dip in ridership is being witnessed."

Meanwhile, three passenger trains in the Bengaluru Railway Division will be converted into express trains, namely, the Shivamogga Town-Mysuru Passenger, the KSR-Bengaluru-Hospete Passenger, the Hubballi-Vijayawada Passenger

Farmers protest at BDA against 'hefty bribe demand'

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A group of farmers, who had surrendered their land to the Bangalore Development Authority for the formation of the Kempe Gowda Layout, tried to enter the BDA premises on Friday alleging that officials of the land acquisition section had demanded hefty bribes from them.

With the BDA recently changing rules to ensure that no one enters its offices without prior appointment due to Covid-19 restrictions, most of the farmers were not allowed entry. A witness said, "A few of them managed to go inside. The rest were standing outside the gate and shouting that huge bribes were being demanded and that it must end."

The farmers were upset with the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition) in particular and threatened to lock him up, said a BDA source. "For a job which officials demanded Rs 20,000, they are now asking for Rs 5 lakh," a source alleged.

Neither the BDA Commissioner, DC, Secretary, the Superintendent of the BDA Task Force nor the Public Relations Officer of the BDA responded to repeated calls from this reporter.

EXPRESS READ

Six post offices to reopen from Monday

Bengaluru: The Head Post offices in Jayanagar and R T Nagar, three post offices at Vidyaranyapura, Jigani, and Ambedkar Veedhi, the Rail Mail Service office at KSR railway station will reopen on Monday. They were shut in the past week due to Covid cases.

"The Congress party will build a team of volunteers in order to give Covid-19 victims a decent burial

U T Khader, MLA

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa with party leaders during the video-conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday | EXPRESS

CM cancels meet with party city MPs, MLAs

Bengaluru: In a surprise development, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday called off a meeting with city BJP MLAs and MPs scheduled for Monday. It had been called in view of a sharp rise in Covid cases in Bengaluru. The CM's office didn't offer any reason for the cancellation. Sources said that the CM personally called party city MPs and MLAs and informed them about the cancellation.

Modi hails state BJP for helping migrants

Party regards politics as a tool to serve people: PM

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday appreciated BJP workers in Karnataka for their effort in helping people, especially those from other states who are working in Bengaluru and other places during the lockdown.

During a video-conference to review the work done by the party state unit during the lockdown, the PM said that he got to know about the efforts put in by party cadres to help professionals from other states working in Bengaluru and also students from other parts of the country studying in Karnataka. "You helped people and took care of those from other states," the PM said.

During the two-and-half-hour interaction with leaders from seven state units, including Karnataka, the PM said, "The BJP regards politics as a tool to serve people and bring in social transformation, rather than enjoy power. Millions of BJP workers across the country were involved in multi-dimensional services during the pandemic and supplemented the government's efforts in its fight against Covid." The efficiency and dimension of the services is unprecedented, he added.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Union Minister Suresh Angadi, Deputy Chief Ministers Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Govind Karjol and Laxman Savadi, ministers R Ashok and Jagadish Shettar, MP Shobha Karandlaje, legislators and office-bearers were present.

BJP MLC and General Secretary N Ravi Kumar, who apprised the PM and BJP national president J P Nadda about the activities taken up by the party workers in the state during the lockdown, said, "The PM appreciated Karnataka BJP for its remarkable performance in fighting Covid-19 along with the state government."

Explaining the work done by the party workers, he said that they distributed food pockets, ration kits, masks and also provided medicines to people and took a number of initiatives to create awareness about government's programmes.

'Policy measures should help revive economy'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

IN the face of gloomy prognosis of the Indian economy by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the quarterly report by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has forecast a GDP growth of 1.3 per cent. The report has been co-authored by Prof NR Bhanumurthy -- the first vice-chancellor of Bengaluru-based Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University. The economist spoke to The New Sunday Express on steps taken by the Reserve Bank of India and government that may help the economy out of the Covid cloud. On Karnataka economy, he said that the impact of the pandemic would be significant, but the state has fiscal space to address the crisis. Excerpts:

■ Recently, IMF projected the Indian economy to contract by 4.5 per cent in 2020, slowest since 1961. Your comments.
Many international financial institutions, IMF, Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development among others, have forecast a negative growth for the current year, while suggesting a sharp recovery next year. However, in my view, these forecasts do not take the policy measures that India has introduced and hence, their prognosis is largely pessimistic.

■ To what extent, measures taken by RBI and government, particularly, 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', are supposed to boost home productivity and economic activity?
Measures by RBI and Central government are broad-based; some are for short-term, some are structural. Measures that boost demand in the short-term and supply in the medium and long-term should help smoothen the adverse impact. Additionally, there are concerns due to rising tension between India and China. The 'Atmanirbhar' slogan is timely, though there are some ambiguities as to what it really means – does it mean import substitution?

Q&A NR BHANUMURTHY

■ What is the impact of Covid on the Karnataka economy?
It could be substantial as Karnataka is integrated significantly with the Indian and global economies in both goods and services sectors. However, unlike many other states, the pre-Covid fiscal situation was not alarming. Even for the current year, the budgeted deficit was about 2.55 per cent with surplus on the revenue account. The state has fiscal space to address the crisis. With some reprioritising of expenditure, the government could allocate more resources to health sector.

■ The extension of PM Garib Kalyan Yojana till November-end comes a day before the LPG prices were increased. How will pro-poor policies boost consumer confidence when unemployment is on the rise?
Extension of PMGKY was necessitated as the economic activities are yet to pick up, especially in rural areas. The hike in LPG and other fuel prices are largely due to increase in international oil prices and to some extent due to increase in duties and other taxes by central and state governments. Given that the governments are seeing a sharp fall in revenues, this appears to be one easy way to mobilise resources for spending on pro-poor schemes. In my view, when economic activities reach pre-Covid levels, one should look at reduction in tax component of fuel prices.

■ How many people in the country are below poverty line? Is there a recent survey?
One of the big constraints in the public policy sphere is the lack of robust and comparable data on most important social indicators. I understand that currently, we have the poverty numbers based on 2011-12 National Sample Survey Office survey. This may not be particularly useful for anti-poverty programmes such as PMGKY. Even the Socio-Economic Caste Census data is dated. The way we were caught unawares with respect to migrant workers is an example why we need more statistics on social sector.

■ The NCAER report has forecast a GDP growth of 1.3 per cent. What are the reasons behind the optimism?
We have used an established macro model, which is in public domain, and introduced the policy initiatives in various scenarios. In the context of 'Atmanirbhar' package and measures by RBI, there is no reason for negative growth. One caution here is that all the forecasts are subject to some assumptions.

■ The increase in public health spending has led to the government not announcing any new schemes for the next five years. What would be the cascading effect of policy 'paralysis'?
At the moment, the effort is to build a strong health infrastructure and recalibrating the government expenditure towards health. Once we overcome this, I am sure governments would start looking at other public policy issues. Prioritising of expenditures will be key to mitigating further risk on both and health and economy.

PM's Leh visit, assertive address to soldiers rattled China: SMK

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has succeeded in rattling the expansionist China with his multi-dimensional assertive moves, felt former External Affairs Minister S M Krishna.

Krishna said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson's statement that "nobody should aggravate the situation when talks at the diplomatic and military are going on" is by itself an admission by China that the visit of Indian Prime Minister to Leh, and his message to the world has pushed that country into a state of panic. "The Chinese foreign ministry's statement is not only soft but also sounds apologetic. Normally, China is not known for being soft on matters to external affairs vis-a-vis India. I have had personal experience during my tenure as Minister for Foreign Affairs," Krishna pointed out.

I will not be surprised if global powers, in the days to come, follow India in showing China its place in the comity of nations

S M Krishna

The senior BJP leader said India's message to China is categorical. "Banning of 59 apps was a digital strike, cancellation of road and spectrum contact was to tell China that the collective self-respect, collective dignity and collective honour of 130 crore Indians are far more important than a few rupees here and there. Modi's visit to Leh and his assertive address to the soldiers — all these have rattled China," Krishna stated.

Krishna said that in his view, this is not the end and much more is coming. "Already, the world is looking askance as regards China. I will not be surprised if global powers, in the days to come, follow India in showing China its place in the comity of nations for its unscrupulous, ruthless and blood-thirsty behavior," Krishna added.

NO COMPROMISE WITH CHINA, SAYS PRALHAD JOSHI

Hubballi: India will never compromise with China on the border issue, asserted Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi here on Saturday. He said that the confidence of Indian forces was further boosted by the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Leh and Ladakh on Friday. "India has always advocated peace, but never compromised on territorial integrity. Forces are ready to face any eventuality, while the country's leadership has the ability to face expansionist forces, and PM's visit proved this," he said. Lashing out at Congress leader Siddaramaiah over his remark against Modi, Joshi said it showed his mindset of working for a dynasty.

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WALK IN - INTERVIEW FOR THE AWARD OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (JRF) DRDO

A Walk in - Interview for the Award of DRDO Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) will be held on 06 Aug 2020 at DFRL, Mysore for the following posts.

Sl. No.	Fellowship	Total vacancies	DRDO Fellowship/ Project	Essential Qualification	Area/s of Research
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3. Application form be downloaded from www.drdo.gov.in

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
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2. Candidates working in Govt./Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies should bring **'No objection certificate'** at the time of Walk-in-Interview.
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4. Application form appended in this advertisement may be typed and submitted along with copies of testimonials at the time of Walk-in-interview.
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7. It may please be noted that offer of Fellowship does not confer on Fellows any right of absorption in DRDO.
8. Reporting time is **0900 hrs on 06 Aug 2020** at main gate of DFRL, Mysore. Late comers will not be allowed at any cost.
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TRACKING COVID-19

A total of 57 employees of the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last three months. Four new cases were reported on Saturday, apart from the 16 cases reported on Friday.

439 NEW RECOVERIES

9,244 TOTAL RECOVERED

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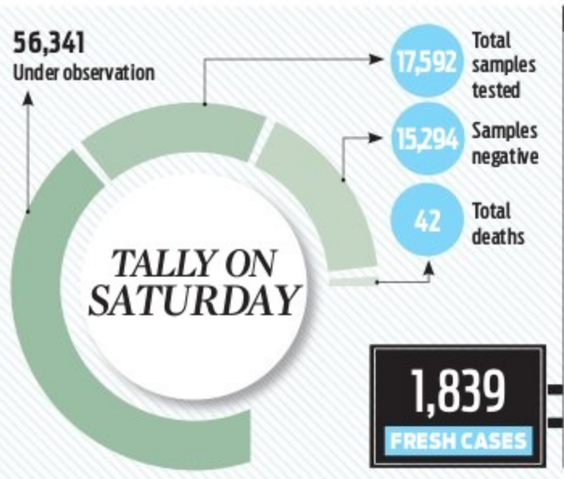

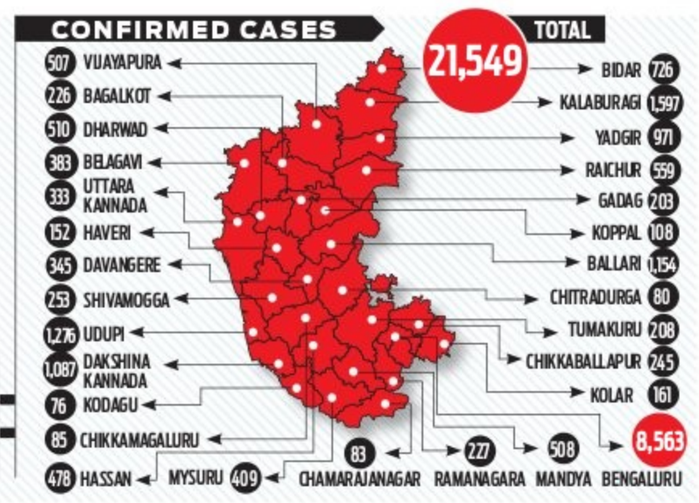

STATE BEEFS UP TREATMENT PROTOCOL

A range of drugs, therapies introduced; Remdesivir, Favipiravir, Dexamethasone in list of medications

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WITH the state seeing a spike in cases, the treatment protocols targeting Covid patients too have gradually increased. Initially, when the number of cases were small, the state used basic medications to treat Covid cases, like anti-virals and antibiodies. But now, the state has extended the treatment protocol to use newly experimented drugs, on a case-to-case basis.

Some of the drugs that have been recently incorporated are Remdivisir, Tocilizumab, Favipiravir, Dexamethasone and Methylprednisolone.

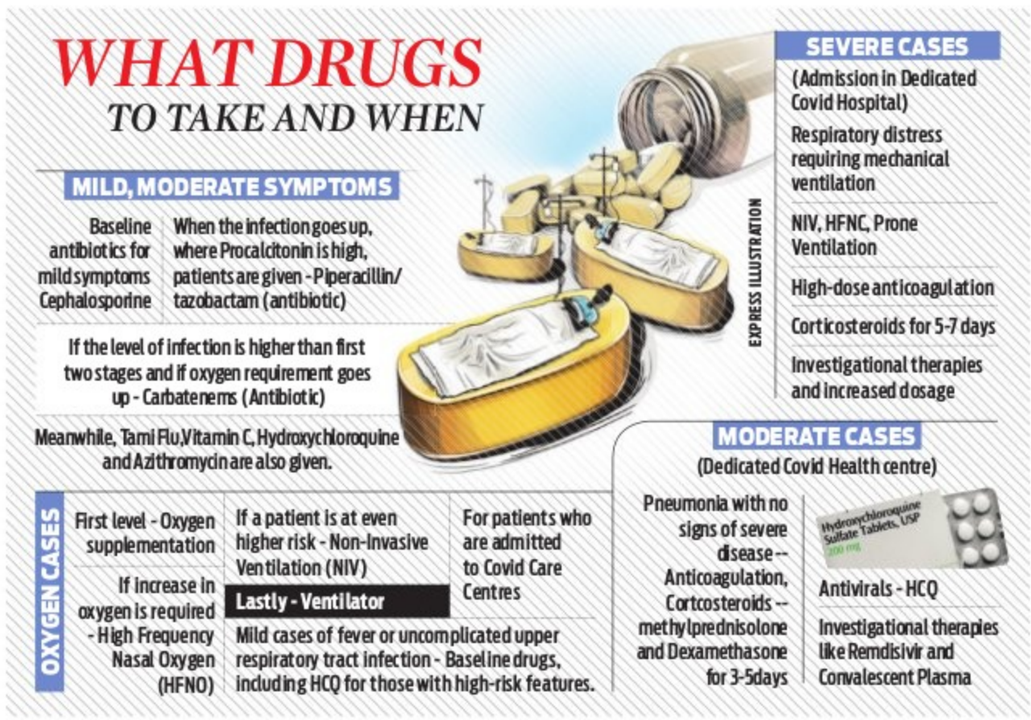
These drugs are being used after clinical trials were conducted in other countries and the results were found to be effective.

For Dexamethasone, a steroid, the trials were conducted in the United Kingdom on 2,104 patients, among which reduction in mortality was observed in 33% of patients who were on ventilators and 20% who were on oxygen. This steorid, however, has no benefits on patients not on respiratory support.

The Karnataka's Critical Care Support Team (CCST) incorporated the drug to treat critically ill Covid patients, and was approved by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The drug is now being used only in cases with deterioration of oxygen indicators, rapid worsening in imaging and excessive activation of the body's inflammatory response. It can be used only for a short period of time, say 3-5 days. Methylprednisolone too is used similarly.

Remdesivir and Tocilizumab, and Convalescent Plasma therapy are being used as investigational interventions based on limited availability of evidence and on defined subgroups of patients.

Convalescent Plasma therapy, too, is targeted at critical patients to reduce mortality and to speed up recovery.


WHAT DRUGS
TO TAKE AND WHEN
MILD, MODERATE SYMPTOMS
Baseline antibiotics for mild symptoms Cephalosporine
When the infection goes up, where Procalcitonin is high, patients are given - Piperacillin/ tazobactam (antibiotic)
If the level of infection is higher than first two stages and if oxygen requirement goes up - Carbatenems (Antibiotic)
Meanwhile, Tami Flu,Vitamin C, Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin are also given.
OXYGEN CASES
First level - Oxygen supplementation
If increase in oxygen is required - High Frequency Nasal Oxygen (HFNO)
If a patient is at even higher risk - Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV)
Lastly - Ventilator
For patients who are admitted to Covid Care Centres
Mild cases of fever or uncomplicated upper respiratory tract infection - Baseline drugs, including HCQ for those with high-risk features.
SEVERE CASES
(Admission in Dedicated Covid Hospital)
Respiratory distress requiring mechanical ventilation
NIV, HFNC, Prone Ventilation
High-dose anticoagulation
Corticosteroids for 5-7 days
Investigational therapies and increased dosage
MODERATE CASES
(Dedicated Covid Health centre)
Pneumonia with no signs of severe disease -- Anticoagulation, Cortcosteroids -- methylprednisolone and Dexamethasone for 3-5days
Antivirals - HCQ
Investigational therapies like Remdisivir and Convalescent Plasma
EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

> These medicines are used on case-to-case basis, depending on the patients' condition. As there are very few clinical trials done, these drugs have been given emergency clearances
> Dr Anoop Amarnath, Chairman Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospitals

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board, Chairman Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospitals, and a member of the CCST, said, "These medicines are used on case-to-case basis, depending on the patients' condition. As there are very few clinical trials done, these drugs have been given emergency clearances. Normally, the clearance to use medicine is given only after six months.

"As in the case of Remdesivir, it is given in an injection form for those on oxygen. But for people with renal problems, pregnancy or lactating mothers, the medicine is not given – nor to children below 12. Tocilizumab is an immuno-suppressant and given to patients with moderate symptoms, but who have progressive increase in oxygen requirement. While Convalescent Plasma is given through blood transfusion to critical patients who have not improved despite using steroids."

He said that Favipiravir to treat mild and moderate symptoms, which has got clearance from DGCI, is being considered by the team and the therapeutic committee needs to give the nod.

Supplemental therapy called anticoagulation is being done on patients to prevent blood clots in the lungs, while cytosorb therapy using a device to reduce pro-inflammatory cytokines levels in patients admitted to ICUs with confirmed or imminent respiratory failure, is also being pursued.

DEXAMETHASONE
It is a steroid, the trials for which were conducted in the UK on 2,104 patients, among which reduction in mortality was observed in 33% of patients who were on ventilators and 20% who were on oxygen. It is not beneficial for patients not requiring respiratory support.

REMDESIVIR
This is given as an injection for those on oxygen, but it cannot be given to patients with renal problems, pregnant women or lactating mothers, nor to children below 12.

TOCILIZUMAB
The immuno-suppressant given to patients with moderate symptoms, but who have progressive increase in oxygen requirement.

FAVIPIRAVIR
This is to treat mild and moderate symptoms. The DGCI has cleared it, but the therapeutic committee is yet to give the nod.

CYTOSORB THERAPY
This uses a device to reduce pro-inflammatory cytokine levels in patients admitted to ICU with confirmed imminent respiratory failure.

2 Indian firms up Remdisivir production

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

AFTER US President Donald Trump last month signed up the next three months' projected production of Remdisivir from American manufacturer Gilead Sciences, India has stepped in to manufacture the drug, said to improve recovery rate of Covid-19 patients.

Cipla and Hetero, the two Indian pharma majors, under licence from Gilead Sciences, have started manufacturing Remdisivir after DCGI approved it in June for "restricted emergency use for Covid-19 patients." Cipla is manufacturing it under the brand name CIPREMI for "restricted emergency use". Hetero is launching Remdisivir under the brand COVIFOR for "suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases in hospitalised adults and children."

"Anti-viral is a good strategy to fight any viral infection. The virus being inside the cells, they are always not as effective as antibiotics against bacteria. Early introduction will help. The complexity of the Covid-19 infection is that since many may recover without the antiviral, should we give it to every one? With such a huge number of people being affected, it is also not feasible to give antiviral early to everyone," said Bengaluru-based immunologist Dr S Chandrashekhar.

He said Remdisivir and Favipiravir have shown some benefits in early recovery and reduction in virus. "Their use in early stages may significantly reduce death and other complications. Hydroxychloroquine is still not dismissed, and some studies support its use," he added.

Police officers keep vigil outside a sealed KR Market in Bengaluru on Saturday | PANDARINATH B

K'taka sees nearly 11K cases in 9 days; 42 deaths in 24 hrs

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FROM June 25 to July 4, that is in a span of nine days, Karnataka recorded 10,989 Covid cases. On Saturday, the state again set another record with the highest number of cases at 1,839, and Bengaluru Urban too hit a high with 1,172 cases. The state crossed the 21,000-plus mark with 21,549 cases. The number of deaths too were the highest for a single day with 42, and the toll now is 335.

Among the 42 Covid deaths, 24 were from Bengaluru Urban alone and the health bulletin shows that the deaths were recorded between June 24 and July 3. Recording old deaths going back to June 24 only indicates that there are lapses in testing and a huge backlog of samples. For the fifth day in a row, Bengaluru Urban shows no travel history of patients and only states contacts are still being traced.

Dakshina Kannada recorded four deaths, Bengaluru Rural one, Bidar six, Kalaburagi three and Hassan and Dharwad one each.

On Friday, Munish Moudgil, in charge of State Covid War Room, said that the state has a backlog of 30,000 samples. "That's about 36 hours of test samples as we are conducting 18,000 tests per day. We are trying to reduce the backlog to less than 24 hours."

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> Munish Moudgil, in-charge, State Covid War Room

Dakshina Kannada recorded the second-highest of 75 positive cases, Ballari 73, Bidar 51, Dharwad 54, Raichur 41, Mysuru 38, Kalaburgi and Vijaypura 37 cases each, Mandya and Uttara Kannada 35 cases each and Shivamogga 31 cases. Haveri, Belgavi and Hassan saw 28, 27, and 25 cases respectively. Udupi recorded 18 cases, while Chikkaballapur and Tumakuru 12 cases each. Bengaluru Rural and Kolar had 11 cases each. Davanagere, Chamrajanagar and Gadag had seven, five and four cases respectively. Koppal and Chikkamagaluru saw three cases each, Ramanagar two and Yadgir one case.

The number of discharges on Friday was 439 and the total discharges were 9,244.

Banappa Park in Bengaluru has been sealed off | PANDARINATH B

Age limit for home isolation upped to 60

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THE Karnataka Government has issued new guidelines for home isolation of Covid-19 patients, increasing the age criterion to 60 from 50 and body temperature to be less than 38 deg Celsius rather than 37.5 deg Celsius (100.4 degrees F) as announced on Friday.

Only those who are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic will be allowed home isolation. The health team will assess if the house is suitable for isolation. There will be no home isolation for those with co-morbidities like hypertension, diabetes mellitus, obesity, thyroid, kidney diseases, etc.

A dedicated tele-monitoring link will be established for daily updates from the patient. The person will be able to end home isolation 17 days after the onset of symptoms and if there is no fever for three days. The person must seek medical advice if there is any difficulty in breathing, body temperature is above 38 degrees Celsius, has chest pain, seizures or discoloration of face or lips.

The person requiring home isolation has to provide a signed undertaking and follow guidelines.

Strict action against Sunday lockdown violators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE city police have made elaborate security arrangements for the Sunday lockdown. A senior police officer said that strict action will be taken against those violating the norms. All flyovers will be closed and KSRTC, BMTC, autorickshaws and cabs will not be allowed. Grocery shops, medical stores, milk stalls and other emergency services will be allowed to remain open. City roads will be barricaded like how it was done during Lockdown 1.0 and 2.0, he said.

S Murughan, Additional Commissioner of Police (East), said that all policemen, including those from KSRP, CAR and traffic division, will be deployed for patrolling. Violators will be booked under NDMA Act.

Another police officer said, "We will keep an eye on those moving around the city and gather all details. Policemen above 55 years will not be deployed as per the commissioner's instructions. Also, many policemen are out of duty as they have been infected by Covid."

In all, 48 areas across the city have been sealed.

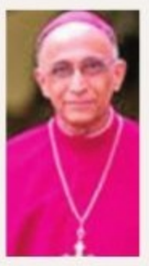
City Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao tweeted "The lockdown begins at 8pm on Saturday and concludes at 5AM on Monday. Respected Citizens, just stay at home and don't ask for exceptions as this is being done in everybody's interest. Heavens wont fall if you postpone by a day. Pls exercise self discipline and cooperate".

People gather in large numbers in the main market area of Ravivar Peth, Belagavi, to buy groceries before Sunday's state-wide lockdown | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

WHAT'S ALLOWED?
Grocery stores, vegetable and fruit shops, meat stalls
Medical stores, hospitals and other medical services
Petrol pumps and ATMs

WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED ?
Public gatherings
Salons and business establishments
Industries, factories and public transport

COVID WATCH



ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS MORAS TESTS POSITIVE

Bengaluru: Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of Bengaluru, has tested positive for Covid-19. He had visited St John's Medical College for a routine check up on July 2, as he was unwell. On July 3, his reports came back, confirming his status. Doctors have assured that his condition is stable. ENS

WAITING FOR PAY DAY

Safety compromised, longer hours: Crematoria workers face grave situation

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THIS graveyard shift comes without salary. The workers at the BBMP crematoria and burial grounds, with the toughest job, are a worried lot today.

Bengaluru has as many as 132 burial grounds and 12 crematoria. Graveyards are maintained by the BBMP as well as various religious and private trusts, while the civic body alone maintains the crematoria (both electric and firewood). There are about 200 people working in these burial grounds and crematoria. Most of them are working on contract and the BBMP authorities have not paid the salary for the past many months.

Raja who works at Hebbal Crematorium said that there are six people employed there. "We get bodies both due to Covid and non-Covid cases. Before Covid time, on an average, we used to get eight to ten bodies every day. Now, we get additional six to eight daily. We are six in number and three people will cremate the body. Only those who cremate the Covid-19 victim are given PPE kits," Raja said.

He said they were not given any facilities like the health card or insurance card. "The government announced that it would give financial assistance to the family members if the corona warriors — medical staff, police or pourakarmikas — die. What about us?" he asked.

Now to follow the Covid-19 protocol for cremation, the workers have to follow a long process and put in longer hours. "Earlier, we used to work from 7 am to 5 pm, now sometimes it goes up to 7 pm," said another worker.

BBMP has fixed Rs 250 for burning the body, including due to Covid.

Mahesh (name changed) said they are on contract. "Our salary is Rs 14,000, and after deduction we get Rs 10,500. We have not been paid salary for the last few months. Sometimes, the family members of the deceased give us Rs 50 or Rs 100, which we divide among ourselves," he said.

Chandru, another worker at BBMP cremtorium, said his wife works as a maid. "I have not got salary for the last eight months. Authorities point out some techincal issue in the data. An NGO gave us some rice and dal," he said.

On Saturday alone, Bengaluru registered 24 deaths. At present, the deceased are buried as per the norms in burial grounds where there is space. Otherwise, BBMP is directing them to cremetoria. Srinivas who works at Ulsoor burial ground said no Covid deaths are sent there. "That does not mean we are safe, BBMP has not issued PPE kits for us," he said. He has not been paid for the last ten months.

BBMP Commissioner A H Anilkumar said he will check the about payment issue of these workers.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike workers put on PPE kits before cremating those who have died from Covid-19, on Saturday | EXPRESS

The Karnataka High court on Saturday set aside the order of the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and ruled that around 2,000 acres of land at the foot of Chamundi Hill were owned by the erstwhile royal family and other people

Hampi to allow visitors from Monday

ASI may restrict access to vulnerable, interior parts of monuments; limit number of tourists

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

EVEN as Karnataka opened its doors to tourists, popular archaeological sites in the state, including Hampi, remained shut and the government has now decided to open them from Monday.

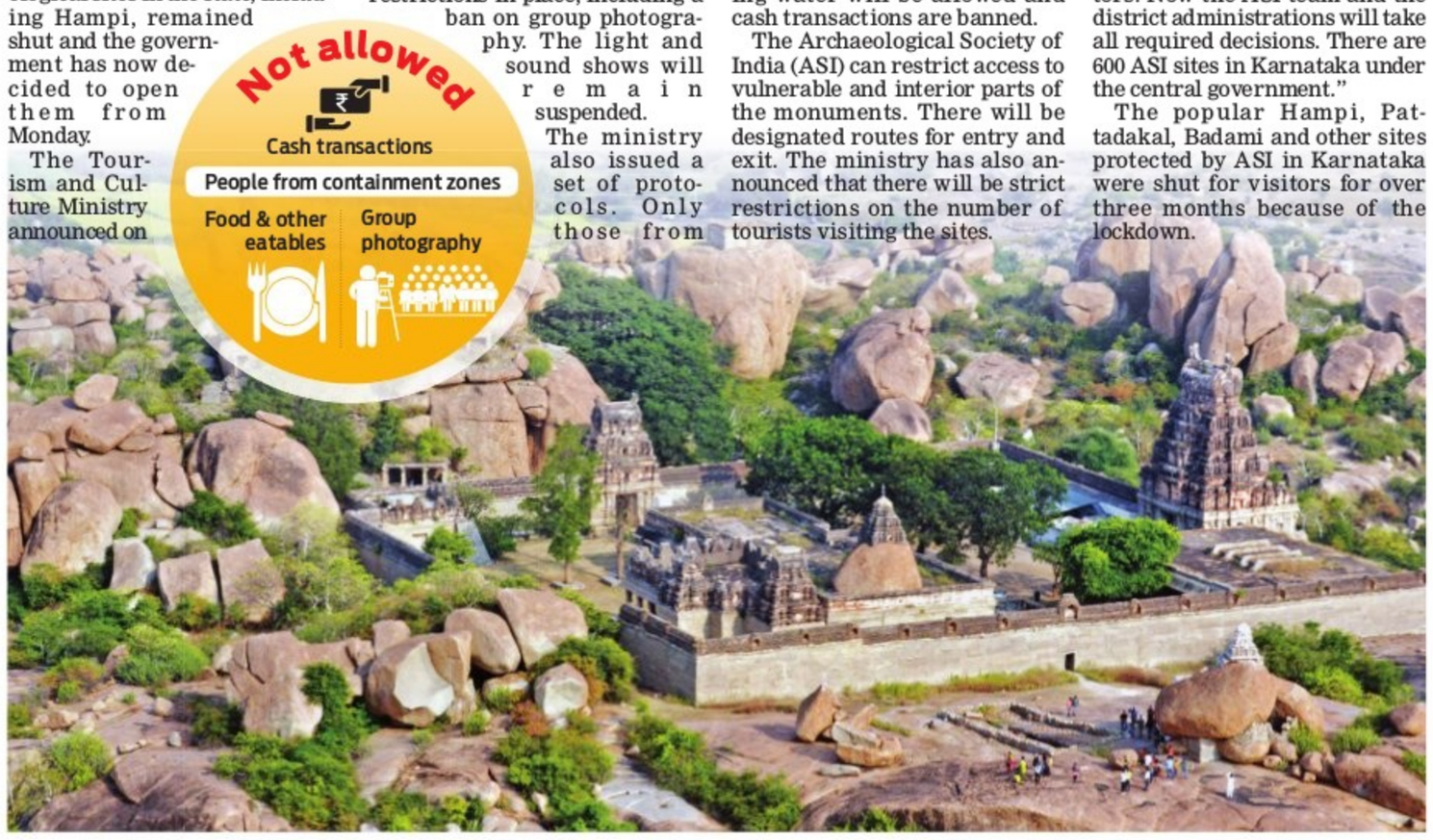
The Tourism and Culture Ministry announced on Saturday that archaeological sites will be open for tourists from July 6 with all precautionary measures. There will be a lot of restrictions in place, including a ban on group photography. The light and sound shows will remain suspended.

The ministry also issued a set of protocols. Only those from non-containment zones will be allowed, food and other eatables will not be allowed inside the premises, only packaged drinking water will be allowed and cash transactions are banned.

The Archaeological Society of India (ASI) can restrict access to vulnerable and interior parts of the monuments. There will be designated routes for entry and exit. The ministry has also announced that there will be strict restrictions on the number of tourists visiting the sites.

Tourism Director K N Ramesh said, "A few tourist destinations in Karnataka were opened after Unlock 1.0, but saw very less visitors. Now the ASI team and the district administrations will take all required decisions. There are 600 ASI sites in Karnataka under the central government."

The popular Hampi, Pattadakal, Badami and other sites protected by ASI in Karnataka were shut for visitors for over three months because of the lockdown.



KPCC president D K Shivakumar at Kadasiddeshwara Mutt at Nonavinakere in Tiptur taluk | EXPRESS

Shivakumar on temple run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tumakuru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar has been on a temple run especially to the mutts that stood by him during his bad times.

On Saturday, he called on Sri Kari Vrishabha Deshikendra Swamiji of Kadasiddeshwara Mutt at Nonavinakere in Tiptur taluk. Interestingly, Swamiji had long ago predicted that Shivakumar is a CM material and will hold the post one day.

Former external affairs minister S M Krishna also visited the mutt when he was the Maharashtra governor.

Officials to keep record of B'luru returnees

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"HOWEVER, we have brought this to the notice of the State Government and are waiting for their guidelines," added Govinda Reddy, Chief Executive Officer of Vijayapura Zilla Panchayat.

"We will wait for the guidelines for the next couple of days. If not, we will come up with a plan to address this issue. At present, I have directed the Panchayat Development Officers of all the villages to maintain a separate record of people returning from Bengaluru. We are creating awareness among the villagers not to panic," he said.

CM orders strict sealing of affected areas

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ON Saturday, Yediyurappa also chaired a meeting of the Covid-19 task force to discuss measures needed to be taken to contain the spread of the disease, especially in Bengaluru. Speaking to media persons after the meeting, Dr Sudhakar said the CM has instructed the authorities to ensure strict sealing down of places where more Covid-positive cases are reported. "The CM has delegated responsibilities to all three of us and told us to work in coordination," he said.

The minister said that the issue of another lockdown too came up for discussion at the meeting and they advised the CM not to go in for it. "Ashwathnarayana and I suggested that a lockdown is not necessary at this stage. The CM will take a final decision on this matter", he said. However, the Sunday lockdown and night curfew will continue as announced earlier.

Dr Sudhakar also said that the issue of defective PPE kits in one of the hospitals had come to his notice and he had ordered an enquiry. "The private hospital has been warned and strict action will be taken," he added.

CRIME PATROL

Man robbed by 3 on busy Koramangala road

Bengaluru: A gang of three men robbed a private company employee in a busy Koramangala road on Friday evening. Gourav Agarwal, the victim, was walking home when three bike-borne men chased him and snatched his gold and valuable. Agarwal posted about the incident on social media and city police commissioner took note of the note and directed officers to nab the accused. The Koramangala police registered a case and obtained CCTV footage of the area to further investigate. **ENS**

Odisha man held with drugs worth ₹5L

Bengaluru: Yeshavantpura police arrested a 32-year-old man for drug peddling on Friday. The accused has been identified as Gopinath Barah, a native of Odisha and eight kg of drugs worth Rs 5 lakh has been recovered from him. Based on a tip off, a senior police officer found Barah at a railway station, looking for his regular customers. He bought ganja from Odisha at a cheap price and sold it for a high cost in Bengaluru. Further investigations are on. **ENS**

ISRO captures image of Mars' elusive moon Phobos

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

THE Indian Space Reasearch Organisation (ISRO) captured an image of Phobos, an elusive moon of Mars, from a distance of 4,200km, on July 1. The image was captured by the Mars Colour Camera (MCC) aboard the Mars Orbiter, which was part of ISRO's first interplanetary mission. The orbiter has been revolving around the planet since September 2014.

The MCC camera was meant to probe the two moons that orbit Mars - Phobos and Deimos, among other objectives.

While ISRO is not the first space agency to capture the image of Phobos, it is certainly known to be an achievement, a scientist from the space agency said, because the moon is one of the least reflective bodies in the solar system.

"Which means, being made up of meteorite materials such as 'carbonaceous chondrites', the moon does not reflect solar light, which makes it less visible by nature compared to other celestial bodies," the scientist explained.

How they captured it

THE space agency superimposed six different frames captured by the tri-coloured Mars Colour Camera (MCC) and the raw data obtained from the camera was adjusted to make it more realistic.

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No : RIMS/SUP/TEND/EQP/60/2019-20/CALL-3 Dated : 01-07-2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Various Equipments to Department of ENT, RIMS Raichur under two cover system **through E-Procurement Portal** of Government of Karnataka.
1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 02-07-2020, 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 30-07-2020 upto 5.00 PM, 3) Technical bid will be opened on 03-08-2020 at 11.30 A.M.
Further information may be obtained from above office and from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this Institution website **www.rims-raichur.com**

Sd/- Director,
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur
DIP/Raichur/191/MC&A/2020-21

KALABURAGI MAHANAGAR PALIKE, KALABURAGI
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No.KMP/Z.O/Other/53/2019-20 Date : 02-07-2020

CITATION

Sub : Re: Property No. 9-586/3, LIG No.3, KHB Colony, Aland Road, Kalaburagi
Ref : Even Numbered notice dated 26-06-2020 issued by this office

Shri Baburao Tammanagouda Patil had executed a Sale Deed in favour of Shri Ramesh Kumar S/o. Malleshappa in respect of H.No. LIG No.3, Karnataka Housing Board Colony, Aland Road, Kalaburagi. Accordingly, said property stood mutated in the Property Register at RR 1, Page No. 137 of the Corporation. Your presence was sought in an inquiry scheduled on 02-07-2020 regarding registration of property in name of Shri Bheem Rao S/o. Late Baburao Patil you failed to appear.

The said inquiry is again scheduled at Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike Office on 10-07-2020 at 4.00 PM

Through this citation it is instructed to appear with original documents establishing rights over the said property on the scheduled date.

Failure to appear on scheduled date would be constructed that you have no objections and matter would be decided ex parte.

Sd/- Commissioner
Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike
DIP/Kalaburagi/220/MC&A/2020-21

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client, **SRI NAGASAHAS. D. S,** have negotiated and agreed, to purchase the Schedule Property with its Owner, **Mr. SUNEEL KULKARNI,** S/o. Sri Chandra Gouda Kulkarni, Aged about 37 years, Residing at No. 365, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Manjunathanagar, Bangalore – 560 011; If any third parties have any objections/claims of what so ever or any manner of right, title, interest or agreement over the same may lodge their claims with all supporting documents with the under signed within **FIFTEEN (15) days** from today. Any claims/objections raised after the said date will not be entertained, treating that there are no claims/objections shall proceed with purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the vacant residential Property bearing **Site No.1241,** situated in the layout formed by **THE HMT EMPLOYEE'S CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LIMITED, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now called as KRS GOWDA EXTENSION, presently comes within BBMP, Ward No.39, Bangalore,** measuring East to West – 30 feet or 9.14 Meters and North to South – (39+38'.9")/2 or 11.84 Meters, measuring in all totally 1166.26 Square feet or 108.34 Square Meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No.1242;
West by : Site No.1240;
North by : Site No.1250;
South by : Road.

N. UDAYA KUMAR, Advocate,
No.1, 3rd Floor, Amar Towers,
1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-09.
(M) 98865 49290.
Bangalore, Date: 04.07.2020

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Branch Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Bengaluru 560025
Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsulaa Business Park, GanpatraoKadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co- Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.** (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.** (Secured Creditor), **will be sold on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of total sum of outstanding from below mentioned Borrower's & Co- Borrower's The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Whereas the sale of secured asset is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of a sum as mentioned below Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said property **shall be sold by E- Auction at 2 P.M. on the said 24.07.2020 at at No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer of the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD on or before 23.07.2020 till 5 PM. The sale of the Secured Asset/ property will be on "as is where condition is"**

Sr. No	Loan A/c No	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Amount as per Demand Noice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date of Inspection	Last date times of submission of sealed bif / offer	Date & Time of Auction
1	9892376	M CHANDRA (Borrower) and Mrs. Mamatha K M. as Co-Borrower.	Rs.19,08,789/- as on 27.10.2018	Rs. 28,08,000/-	Rs. 2,80,800/-	13.07.2020 bet 11 AM to 5.00 PM	23.07.2020 till 5 PM.	24.07.2020 AT 2 P.M
Description of Secured Asset : All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.2206, Gram Panchayat No. 150300402600303388, situated at Sulibele Village & Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 18.28 Mtrs and North to South: 12.18 Mtrs totally measuring 222.96 Mtrs and followed with **boundaries:-East:** Road, **West:** Site No.2, **North:** Road, **South:** Site No.11 & 12.								
2	9772682	Mr. KARTHIK CHANDRASHEKHAR as Borrower and Mr. GUNDAPPA CHANDRASHEKAR as the Co-Borrower	Rs.20,69,080/- as on 20.11.2019	Rs. 35,41,725/-	Rs. 3,54,172.5	13.07.2020 bet 11 AM to 5.00 PM	23.07.2020 till 5 PM.	24.07.2020 AT 2 P.M
Description of Secured Asset : DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.1, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Banglaore North Taluk and **bounded on : East :** Others property, **West :** 25 ft road, **North :** Others property and **South :** Site No.2. Measuring East to West 43.5ft and North to South 31 ft totally measuring 1348.5 Sq ft. **ITEM NO.2 :** All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.2, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **bounded on : East :** Others property, **West :** 25 ft road, **North :** Site No.1 and **South :** Site No.3 Measuring East to West 42.5ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1275 Sq ft.								

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally
The description of the Secured asset/ property that will be put up for sale is as per above Schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction.
No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the **following further conditions :** The E-auction will take place through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net** or Auction tiger Mobile App (Android) **on 24.07.2020 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM** with limited extension of 10 minutes each.
Terms and Conditions : 1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of Secured Creditor. **2.**The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. **3.** Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only) **4.**All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft **favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD.." Payable Bengaluru Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru- 560025**The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. **5.**The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. **6.**For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to adjourn/discontinue the sale.**7.**The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the 'Authorized Officer' within 24 Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. **8.**In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the 'Authorized Officer' on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. **9.**In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. The property shall be resold at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. **10.**Details of any encumbrances, known to the **TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD,** to which the property is liable: Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: Nil **11.** For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auctiontiger), Address: B-704, Wall Street - II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad - 380006 Gujarat (India) Mob. : 9265562821 & Phone : 079 61200 594 / 598 / 559/ 587 / 554 Email ID: Gujarat@auctiontiger.net or Mr. Arijit Bhatt, Email id:arijit.bhatt@tatacapital.com and Mobile No.9029073280. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number – 9029073280. 12.**Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **For Sl.No.1** https://bit.ly/2VDkZfG **For Sl.No.2** https://bit.ly/2VlaVIx

Place: - Bangalore
Date- 02.07.2020

Sd/- Name: Arijit Bhatt
Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt - HYMAVATHI W/o NO-13620609W, RANK: HAV Bondalapu Satyanarayana, Residing at Kothapalem village, Somalingapalem post. Yelamanchili, Mandal, Visakhapatnam Dist, Andhra Pradesh State-531055, have changed my name from **Smt HYMAVATHI** to **BONDALAPU HYMAVATHI** vide affidavit date 20/03/2020 sworn before Notary B. Balarama Srinivasa Rao Anakapalli.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVITHA JAIN,** W/o Mr. Amber Sampathraj Jain, R/at No. 23, 2nd Floor, Vaibhav Apartments, Opp. HSBC Bank, Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560 004, presently R/at No. 499, 33rd A Cross, 7th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-11, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KAVITHA UTTAM JAIN** to **KAVITHA JAIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KAVITHA JAIN** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 4th July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B.Neelam, S/o. Bhagirath, aged about 34 years, presently R/at 31, Ground Floor, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Next to Alankar Gift House, Bengaluru-560 027 has changed my name to **BHAVANA D. PANCHARIYA** vide affidavit dated 02/07/2020 sworn before K.C.Gowthami-Advocate & Notary, Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt MEENA KULHALLI wife of Late Lt.Col A.B Kulhalli, resident of 4374, I.B Road, Athani, 591304 Belgavi Dist., Karnataka, hereby would like to change my name to **Smt MEENA ANANT KULHALLI** and I am doing so voluntarily and of my own free will.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASPURE VISHWANATHAPPA VIJAYALAXMI** W/o **Shashidhar Buggi,** R/at Anubhava Nilaya, No. 23/24, 1st main, 2nd Cross, Pampa Extension, Kempapura Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024 have changed my name to **VIJAYALAKSHMI BASPURE** vide affidavit dated:04/07/2020 before Notary **H.G.VenkataRamu** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATISH S. HUNDEKAR,** S/o. Siddaramappa G. Hundekar, residing at S2, 2nd Floor, No. 81, 4th Phase, 3rd Block, KHBCS Layout, WOC Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560 079, have changed my name from **SATISH** to **SATISH S. HUNDEKAR.** Vide affidavit dated 04-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary N.K. Lakshmana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNAY S SOGAL,** R/o No. 11, Gaurav, Coconut Avenue, Konanakunte, Rushyasrunga Road, Bangalore-62 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNAY SOGAL** to **SUNAY S SOGAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNAY S SOGAL** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 3.7.2020, sworn before notary **K.H. THIMME GOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No. 14838581K, HAV, Surjit Singh, R/at Sardaheri, Sardaheri, Mullana, Mullana, Ambala Cantt - 133206, Haryana, I have changed my son's name from **VINIT KUMAR** to **VINIT** vide affidavit Dated 04/07/2020 before Notary N K Lakshmana, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **TOMY THOMAS,** S/o Mr. Thomas, age 54 years, residing at No. 774/A, 7th Cross, Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Divanarapalya, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-22 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **LEON TOMY** to **VINCENT FERRER,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **VINCENT FERRER** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd July 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI S.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KANAHA DINESH,** W/o Dinesh G., age 27 years, R/o No. 1470, 18th Cross, 28th Main Road, 'D' Group Layout, Srigandhada Kavalu, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 091 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KANAHA KARTHIKA DEVI** to **KANAHA DINESH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANAHA DINESH** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 3rd July 2020 sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI S.** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION OF NAME
I **Smitha S,** Aged about 38 years, wife of Sri. Deepak S. Pattar, daughter of Sri. H.Shankar, r/at No.931, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalroe-560 010 has declare that **Smitha S** and **Smitha Deepak** both names are one and the same person belongs to me only and infuture my name must be recorded as **"SMITHA S"** only through Affidavit dt:02/07/2020 sworn before G.P.Suresha-Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, (STP) Arkavathi Valley Division, No. 720, Shimsha Bhavan, Jayanagara 8th Block, 46th Cross, Bengaluru.

INVITATION FOR TENDERS
(ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

BWSSB invites ITEMWAR tenders from registered agencies for the following works:

IFT No.: BWSSB/ESATE/TO/154/2020-21 **Date : 30-06-2020**

1) Construction of the SSM compound wall & reconstruction of damaged drains of existing 5 MLD STP at Mallathalli.

Amount put to tender : Rs.9,38,835/-, **EMD :** Rs. 24,000/-

IFT No.: BWSSB/ESATE/TO/156/2020-21 **Date : 30-06-2020**

2) Providing Chain link fencing for newly constructed 5 MLD ISPS at Nagasandra

Amount put to tender : Rs.9,69,950/-, **EMD :** Rs. 24,500/-

Last date and time for Receipt of Tenders will be on : 20.07.2020 up to 4.00 PM. and the date of opening of Tender will be on : 22.07.2020 after 11.00 AM. Further details regarding the tender can be obtained by logging onto **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (STP) A. Valley

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(1) TENDER No.93205696A Due On 04-08-2020
(2) TENDER No.93205698 Due On 04-08-2020

Divisional Railway Manager (Stores), Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division invites E-tenders for the supply of under mentioned stores for and on behalf of the President of India.

Item Sl.No.	Consignee	Brief Description	Quantity	Demand No.	Due Date
1.	SSE/TCR (Kerala)	Red Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V AC, As Per RDSO Specification No. RDSO/SPN/199/2010 (Rev.-1.0) or Latest	100 Nos.	93205696A	04-08-2020
2.	SSE/KTYM (Kerala)	Red Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V	100 Nos.	93205696A	04-08-2020
3.	SSE/S&T/ ALLP (Kerala)	Red Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V	100 Nos.	93205696A	04-08-2020
4.	SSE/TCR (Kerala)	Yellow Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V AC, RDSO Specification No. RDSO/SPN/199/2010 (Rev.-1.0) or Latest	100 Nos.	93205698	04-08-2020
5.	SSE/KTYM (Kerala)	Yellow Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V AC	100 Nos.	93205698	04-08-2020
6.	SSE/S&T/ ALLP (Kerala)	Yellow Aspect Main LED Signal, 110V AC	100 Nos.	93205698	04-08-2020

Tender Closing and Opening date and time :- **04-08-2020** at **14.30 Hrs.**
For further details, please refer to web portal **www.ireps.gov.in**> E-Tender>Stores>View tenders. Please note that only online tenders are accepted and tenders are to be digitally signed.

DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER/Stores, Thiruvananthapuram.

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Government of Karnataka

RAICHUR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

(Govt. Autonomous Institution)
Hyderabad Road, Raichur-584102, Ph/Fax : 08532-238488/89
Web: www.rims-raichur.com Email : info@rims-raichur.com

No : RIMS/SUP/TEND/SUR/MISC/71/2020-21/367 Dated :03-07-2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Various Surgicals & Misecellanous items to RIMS Teaching Hospital, Raichur under two cover bid System **through E-Procurement Portal** of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 04-07-2020, 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 03-08-2020 upto 5.00 PM, 3) Technical bid will be opened on 05-08-2020 at 11.30 A.M.

Further information may be obtained from above office and from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this Institution website **www.rims-raichur.com**

Sd/- Director,
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

DIP/Raichur/198/MC&A/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the general public that, the Original will executed by Anthonappa in favor of Mariyappa A., 9513245078, dated 3/2/2009, Doc No. JPN-3-00086-2008-09, CD No. JPND39, Book-III, SRO-JP Nagar, Bangalore has been lost/misplaced, for which an E-Lost Report / complaint is also lodged on 02.07.2020.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

The Property bearing No.158/4/1, old Khaneshumari Katha No.158/4, situated at Thathuguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 21 ½ ft and North to South 18 ft Mtrs in totally measuring 387 Sq.ft. and bounded by East By: Property belonging to Anandamma & Joseph West By: Presently Property belonging to Mariayappa previously Gabrali, North By: 2ft passage thereafter property belongs to shanthappa, South By : House belongs to kariyanna.

This is for the information of the general public, issued in the interest of the general public.

NARASIMHAMURTHY, Advocate
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only)
(Two Cover System Section-I-Techinical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)

Tender Notification No-07/2020-21 Dated:29.06.2020

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document KW- form The Total no of works is 4, H/A :- 8443 DC Works. minimum estimate cost Rs.790.00 lakhs & maximum estimated cost is Rs. 4500.00 lakhs. Further changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only.

Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 15.07.2020 to 17.08.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	30.07.2020 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM
3	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	19.08.2020 after 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time for opening Financial bid	21.08.2020 after 16.00 Hrs.

More information can be had from the web site: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PW, P & IWT Division, Chamarajanagara

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA

Office of The Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division
Ramanagara

No.19/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/Tender/AE-4/D.B/2020-21 Date: 03-07-2020

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION No.19

The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division Ramanagara is inviting tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000-Standard Bid Document-KG-2 through e-Procurment from **Manufacturer Or Authorised Dealers Supply of Virgin Plastic Dust-Bins with Lid & Handle in Channapatna, Kanakapura, Magadi & Ramanagara Taluk in Ramanagara District.** As per the schedule given bellow.

Maximum Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 56.49 Lakhs**. E.M.D.: **Rs. 1.13 Lakhs.** Minimum Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 26.15 Lakhs**. E.M.D.: **Rs. 0.53 Lakhs.** Last date for submission of tender: **18-07-2020 upto 4.00pm**. Opening of Technical Bid of the tender: **20-07-2020 at 11.00 am onwards**. Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender: **22-07-2020 at 11.00 am onwards**. For further particulars / Details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website: **www,eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
SAD/DIPR/RMN/123/Yakshi/2020-21 **RDW&S Division, Ramanagara**

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION MANDYA DIVISION, MANDYA

No:KST/MDY/TR/Com/155/157/2020-21 Date: 04-07-2020

Negotiation Notification-05/2020-21 & E-Tender Notification-07/2020-21

K.S.R.T.C, Mandya Division, Mandya. Negotiation applications are invited at Melukote Bus stand- general stall-1, Nagamangala bus stand General stall-1,2,4 & Hotel, Kikkery Bus stand- general stall-2, Belakavadi bus stand-Hotel & Srirangapattana bus stand- General stall-10, Madduru Bus stand-General stall-2 K.M.Doddi Bus stand-Hotel & general stall- 1, Mandya Bus stand, Two wheeler parking stand (O.P) , Madduru bus stand-Two wheeler parking stand(o.p) and Kikkery Bus stand- Hotel, for the licensee selection. Submitting Negotiation application and Negotiation will be Held on **Date: 22.07.2020 At 11.30am and E-Tender application are invited** at Madduru bus stand-general stall-4(O.P), Koppa bus stand-general stall.1, Srirangapattana bus stand- Two wheeler parking stand(O.P), Melukote bus stand Hotel and Pandavaura Bus stand-General stall-2(Reserved for S.T) for the license selection. The interested tenderer visit the web site **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submitting Tender application in e-portal: Date:-22.07.2020 at 17.00. Tender will be opened on Date:27.07.2020 At 11.30am. Tender documents and D.D's submission date:23/07/2020 at 10.30 to dt:24.07.2020 at 17.00. and visit the web site http://www.ksrtc.in" or KSRTC, Mandya Division, Mandya for more details. Contact no.7760990652, 7760990661.

Sd/-
Divisional Controller
DIPR/DDU/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY/478/2020-21 **KSRTC Mandya, Division Mandya**

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Dharwad.
Tel No.0836-2448289 E-mail: rwsddwd@rediffmail.com

No.EE/RDW&S/D/DWD/AE-1/2020-21/216 Date :03-07-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION 2/2019-20 (Call -7)

Tenders are invited on be-half of the governer of Government of Karnataka according to KTPP Act 2000 through e-Procurment portal for below meantioned works.

Sl. No	Particulars	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form	Period of Contract
Package 4	Operation and Maintenance of water purification plants upto 500 LPH, 1000 LPH and above 1000 LPH Capacities for a period of 5 years for 59 habitation in Dharwad District. Kundgol Taluk (76 No.s) (Indent No. 16776)	54,000/-	As per E-Portal	5 Years

I) Calender of events are as follows :
I) Last date & time for receipt of tenders Through e-portal **: 10-07-2020 at 16.00 Hours**
II) Date of Opening of Technical Bid **: 13-07-2020 at 16.30 Hours**
III) Date of Opening of Financial Bid **: 15-07-2020 at 17.00 Hours**

II) Other conditions, Eligibility Criteria are as published in E-procurment portal more details can be had from the office of the under signed and also through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of tenders which will link to all departmental work list.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIPR/DWD/181/20-21/DeshpandePublicity **R.D.W.& S Dn, Dharwad.**

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BRANCH OFFICE: **HAL VIMANAPURA**
EWF Building, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 17

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated13-02-2020 calling upon the borrower, **Mr.Taj Khan** repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 36,44,801/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred One Only)** being the dues as on **13.2.2020** until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **1st day of July of the year 2020.**

The guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for an amount of **Rs. 36,44,801/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred One Only)** being the dues as on **13.02.2020** with further interest and charges from **01.10.2019**.

The borrower's / guarantor's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of residential building at site bearing no 30, old property no 135/2, HASB khatha no 1067/442/23, khatha no 1767 situated at L B SHASTRY NAGAR, Annasandrapalya, Hamlet Of Vibhuthi Pura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits and bounded on the East by: Property of Karumaiah, West by: Road, North By: Property of Sri Nagaraja and South by: Cross Road.

For Punjab National Bank
(SECURED CREDITOR)
(Mercy Victor)
Date : 1.7.2020 **CHIEF MANAGER**
Place : Bangalore **(AUTHORISED OFFICER)**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

I F B, Richmond Road Branch (20743)
"SHERIFF HOUSE", 1st Floor, #85, Richmond Road,
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e-mail –sbi.20743@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

A/c.No.: CC-30058824586

WHEREAS,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 31.01.2020 calling upon the borrowers: **M/s Reddy Veeranna Constructions Pvt. Ltd.** represented by its Directors: **Shri Reddy Veeranna** s/o Sanjeevappa **(2) Smt. Suguna Reddy** W/o Reddy Veeranna **(3) Smt. Sangeetha Reddy** d/o Reddy Veeranna **(4) Shri Pravathaneni Abhiram (5) Shri Adusumili Venkataraman** and the guarantors: **(1) Smt. Suguna Reddy** W/o Reddy Veeranna **(2) Smt. Sangeetha Reddy** D/o Reddy Veeranna to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.10,23,69,249.00** (Rupees Ten Crore twenty three lakh sixty nine thousand two hundred and forty nine only) as on 29.01.2020 and interest & expenses thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **2nd day of July month of the year 2020.**

The borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for an amount of **Rs.10,26,81,480.00** (Rupees ten crore twenty six lakh eighty one thousand four hundred and eighty only) as on 30.06.2020 and further interest from 01.07.2020 costs, etc., thereon.

The borrower/mortgager'sattention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the properties bearing survey Nos. 3/1,3/3,4, 13/6, 13/7A, 13/7C, 15/1, 15/3, 15/2, 12, 13/5, 13/7B, 14/2, 17, 11, 16/3, 13/4, 16/2, 25/1, 3/2, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9, 10/10, 13/1, 13/2, 13/3, 9/1, 9/3, 9/4, 28/1, 29/3, 28/4, 25/2, 26, 16/1, 28/2A, 28/3, 30/1, 6/1, 6/3, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 10/5, 10/6, 1, 6/2, 9/2, 15/2, 16/2, and 25/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 82 acres 02 guntas and bounded on the :

East :Private Road and Private property, West: Government Canal and survey nos. 8, 30 and 31, North:Road and Private property South: Property acquired by KIADB for IT Park.

Property No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-53 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna, and bounded on: East: Road, West :Site No. E-43, North:Site No. E-52, South: Site No. E-54
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12904/2003-04,dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-28 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna and bounded on :East:Road, West:Site No. E-18, North: Site No. E-27, South:Site No. E-29
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12899/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003, stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 3: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-18 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna and bounded on : East:Site No. E-28,West: Road, North: Site No. E-17, South:Site No. E-19
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12901/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 4: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-56 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna and bounded on :East:Road, West:Site No. E-46, North:Site No. E-55, South:Road.
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12902/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 5: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-50 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna and bounded on: East:Road, West:Site No. E-40, North:Site No. E-49, South:Site No. E-51
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12900/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 6: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-17 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R.Suguna and bounded on:
East: Site No. E-27, West: Road, North: Road, South:Site No. E-18
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12890/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 7: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-88 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R. Sangeetha and bounded on: East: Site No. E-91, West:Road, North: Site No. E-87, South: Site No. E-89.
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12884/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 8: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-89 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R. Sangeetha and bounded on: East: Site No. E-90, West:Road, North: Site No. E-88,South: Road.
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12884/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 9: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-90 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R. Sangeetha and bounded on: East :Road, West :Site No. E-89, North: Site No. E-91, South: Road
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12886/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Property No. 10: All that piece and parcel of residential house site bearing No. E-91 formed in Schedule G property in the Layout known as 'MANYATA RESIDENCY', measuring East to West 80 feet and North to South 50 ft standing in the name of Smt. R. Sangeetha and bounded on: East: Road West: Site No. E-88, North: Site No. E-92, South: Site No. E-90
(Vide Registered Sale Deed No. 12885/2003-04, dated 13.10.2003 stored in CD No 109 Registered at Sub Registrar Office, K R Puram Bengaluru)

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Place: Bengaluru State Bank of India,
Date: 02.07.2020 IFB Richmond Road Branch, Bengaluru

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Agril; Marketing)
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE,

Gandhi Gunj, BIDAR – 585 403, E mail: apmcbidar@gmail.com
Fax: 08482 - 220845 Office Ph : 08482– 226424

No.AMD/APMC/BDR/DEV/272/ 2020-21 Date:01 -07-2020.

3RD CALL SHORT TIME E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

APMC., Bidar hereby invites Tender for the following Development work from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractors in Two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through e-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender related documents, itemized rates etc. by uploading through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in website in standard documents KW-4.(with latest amendments)

1) Pre bid/Clarification meeting : 08-07-2020 at 11.30 AM, 2) Last date for the submission of filled in E-Tender applications : 15-07-2020 upto 4.00 PM, 3) Date of opening of Technical bid : 17-07-2020 at 4.00 PM, 4) Date of opening of Financial bid (if Possible) 18-07-2020 : at 4.00 PM, 5) Place of opening of E-Tender bid. Office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Gandhi Gunj, Bidar.

1) Name of work : 1. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE VBUILDING. 2. COSTRUCTION OF COVERED PLAT FORM. 3. REPAIR AND PAINTING OF SULABH SOCHALAYA SITUTATED IN THE PREMISES OF MAIN MARKET YARD. 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ARCH GATE AT HALADKERI FRUITS AND VEGETABLE MARKET YARD OF APMC BIDAR, 2) Amount put to Tender (in Lakhs) : 4,98,96,000/-, 3) EMD Amount (in Rupees) : 7,50,000/-, 4) Time limit (Excluding monsoon period) : 5 1/2 Months, 5) Eligibility of the Contractors/ Firms : Registered PWD Class-1 Civil Contractor, 6) Tender fee : (KW-4)As per E- Portal.

Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Gandhi Gunj, Bidar-585 403 during working days and hours or through website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary, **Sd/- Chairman,**
A.P.M.C, Bidar **A.P.M.C, Bidar**
DIP/Bidar/57/MC&A/2020-21

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NOTICE TO BORROWER, GUARANTOR & MORTGAGER

(UNDER SUB-SECTOIN (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Indira Nagar Branch, Bangalore,** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower: M/s Sri Sai Enterprises Prop: Mrs. Sushma U. Office Address: No2, Outer Ring Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043, **2) Mrs. Sushma U.** W/o Mr. R. Vijaykumar, No. 22, Garden Road, Near Shanimahathma Temple, Chikkapet, Tumkur-572101. **Guarantor: Mr. R. Vijaykumar** S/o Ramesh, No. 22, Garden Road, Near Shanimahathma Temple, Chikkapet, Tumkur-572101. **Mortgagor: Mr. Harish Krishnamurthy,** S/o K.C. Krishnamurthy, No. 1E, Kalkere, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094.

Account No.: 130106211000057 **Limit Amt :Rs. 73,99,231/-**

Account No.: 130109041000189 **Limit Amt :Rs. 62,15,726.94**

Total Amount Outstanding : Rs.1,36,14,957.94 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven and Ninety Four Paise Only) As on **31.05.2020** The Outstanding stated above exclude further drawings and interest upto Rate of Interest **11.40%pa** Respectively **11.90% pa** (Floating)

NPA Date : 31.03.2020 **Demand Date : 15.06.2020**

Security agreement with brief description of securities, Collateral: Equitable Mortgage of immovable property bearing Site No-1E measuring East to West 40.5 ft and North to South 31 ft in total measuring 1255.5 sq ft located at RMV 2nd Stage, 1st Block, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Dollors Colony, Bangalore-94. Bounded by: East by: Site No. 1D, West by: Site No. 1F, North by: Road, South by: Site No.8.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 04.07.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

KSPH & IDCL invites online tender through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the following Services.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	Entrustment of 3rd Party Quality Assurance and Monitoring Of KSPH & IDCL, Bangalore Urban-2 Division for the Work of "Construction Of DCP Office (East) at Broadway Road, Shivajinagar,Bangalore"
2	Entrustment of 3rd Party Quality Assurance and Monitoring of KSPH & IDCL, Bangalore Urban-1 Division for the Work of "Extension of Administrative Block in GF, FF and SF floor of Existing Main Building for Prison Head Quarters Building situated at Seshadri Road, Bengaluru"
3	Entrustment of 3rd Party Quality Assurance and Monitoring of KSPH & IDCL, Hassan Division for the Works of "i) Construction of Judicial Sub -Jail at Arasikere in Hassan District. & ii) Construction of 16 nos (Group-C (12+4), 2 Nos Jailer Qrts & 2 Nos Sub-Jailer Qrts (2+2) at Madikeri town (Existing Jail building premises), Kodagu Dist "
4	Appointment of Project Management Consultants (PMC) for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Supervision, Quality Assurance, Progress Monitoring / Reporting, Measurement, Billing And Documentation for the work of "Construction of Police Commissionarate Office Building at City line in Belagavi under DC Works"

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Executive Engineer – Contracts I/c

The Central Government on Saturday allowed Discoms in Telangana to raise ₹12,600 crore loan, under Centre's liquidity infusion scheme up to ₹90,000 crore for the Discoms in the country.

TAMIL NADU FIRMLY IN COVID-19 GRIP, REPORTS 4,280 FRESH CASES

State also sees 65 deaths; Telangana witnesses single-day spike of 1,850 cases

A health worker checks a man's temperature at a fever camp near Chepauk, Chennai, on Saturday | R SATISH BABU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai/ T'puram/ Bhubaneswar/ Vijayawada/ Hyderabad

COVID-19 seems to have tightened its grip on Tamil Nadu with the state reporting more than 4,000 cases for the third day in a row on Saturday. The day saw 4,280 fresh cases and 65 more deaths, with the total cases touching 1,07,001, and the toll, 1450. Among those who succumbed to the virus, six people did not have comorbids. Among those with comorbidities, 34 people had hypertension and 49 had diabetes.

Meanwhile, Kerala reported the highest single day spike of 240 cases breaching the 5,000-mark. Of the positive cases, 152 had come from abroad and 52 from other states, Health minister K K Shailaja said in a press release here. With the addition of the fresh cases, the infection tally has touched 5,204. About 1.77 lakh people are under observation in various districts.

Telangana continued to witness a spike in cases on Saturday, with 1,850 new cases and five deaths reported, taking the total tally in the state to 22,312 and toll to 288. Out of the 1,850 fresh cases, 1,572 were reported from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), followed by Ranga Reddy district, neighbouring Hyderabad, with 92 cases.

Andhra Pradesh reported 765 new cases on Saturday taking the overall tally to 17,699, the government said. The state also recorded 12 Covid deaths, taking the toll to 218. The 12 deaths were the highest in a day in the state so far. Kurnool and Srikakulam reported three coronavirus deaths each, Visakhapatnam and Chittoor two each and Kadapa and Vizianagaram one each, the bulletin said.

In Odisha, five more people died of Covid taking the death toll to 34, while the total number of cases reached 8,601 with 495 fresh cases, a health official said on Saturday. Ganjam reported three fresh deaths while Bhubaneswar (Khurda district) registered two fatalities, he said. Another COVID-19 patient died in Cuttack district but the Health Department attributed the fatality to other ailments.

TTD decides not to increase number of Tirumala devotees

Tirumala: With 17 Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) employees testing positive for Covid, the TTD Trust Board held an emergency meeting on Saturday had decided not to increase the number of devotees allowed to the hill shrine till the end of this month. The board also decided to introduce 'Kalyanotsavam' online, and devotees can book slots to have the seva. Speaking to the media after convening the meeting via video conferencing, Initially, 6,000 devotees were allowed per day, and the number has now been increased to 12,000. ENS

Two overseas returnees test positive after recovering

Kottayam: Even as a community transmission of Covid-19 looms large over Kerala, the state is reportedly facing another threat —reinfection. Over the past three days, two overseas returnees tested positive in the state after they recovered from Covid abroad. While there are no documents available to check their medical history here, experts suggest two possibilities. These are cases of either viral remnants or reinfections. "Viral remnant is a kind of situation in which the virus remains dormant even after recovery," said an expert. ENS

TS' protocol an attempt to clean up Covid mess

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

THE number of Covid-19 cases in Hyderabad has been rising sharply over the past couple of weeks and the people must gear up as the trend would continue, Director of Public Health Dr G Srinivas Rao said on Saturday.

Also, with the expected spurt in seasonal diseases the Health Department has come out with an established medical intervention protocol for people suffering from breathlessness, cold, fever and other influenza-like illnesses. Based on one's medical condition and Covid-19 status, they must go to the designated public hospitals in the city. If one is suffering from breathlessness and suspects that they might have Covid-19, they must head to Osmania General Hospital for emergency intervention. In case one is symptomatic, with severe but not emergent conditions, they must head to King Koti Hospital or the government ENT hospital. If a person tested positive and has moderate to severe symptoms, they must go to Gandhi Hospital directly.

While Koti Maternity Hospital and OGH are just holding areas for suspected cases, if a person tests positive after being admitted at either of these two hospitals, they would be shifted to Gandhi for further care.

Quarantine units in Andhra turn centres of woe

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BEING in a quarantine centre in Prakasam district proved to be a harrowing experience for a 24-year-old software engineer who works for a reputed company in Mumbai. Not only did the youngster from Jarugumilli mandal have to put up with the lack of facilities, but he also wasn't given clarity on when his coronavirus test results would be given.

Advised to leave Mumbai and given the option to work from home, he landed at the Gannavaram airport in Vijayawada on June 21. He gave his samples for testing at the airport, and was allowed to undergo home isolation for 14 days. He then reached his native place the same day.

But on June 25, medical staff and policemen shifted him to the Singarayakonda quarantine care centre saying they would collect his samples again and let him return home in two days. And that's when his troubles began. The quarantine centre didn't even have a bed or toilet, and no proper food was given. Upon his insistence, the staff there collected his samples after five days, but the test results are yet to arrive.

As he started complaining about the lack of facilities, he and 14 others were shifted to the Kandukur Government Polytechnic College quarantine centre on Friday night.

"I don't know why I was made to stay here for about 10 days, or when I will be allowed to go home," he told *TNSE* on Saturday.

1912 helpline for grievance redressal

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A VEHICLE will be sent to the residence with paramedics to ascertain the medical condition and shift the patient to the necessary treatment facility (Covid care centre or hospital) or recommend home isolation.

The team will share details of the cases with State Surveillance Unit (SSU) of the Health Department on a daily basis by 12 noon. Various departments and officials involved in this process will ensure shifting and admission of patients at appropriate medical facilities in a seamless manner to avoid fatalities, the circular said.

The government has set up a call centre for redressal of grievances regarding denial of beds and the helpline 1912 will be operated by BESCOM. The Suvarna Arogva Suraksha Trust will co-ordinate with private hospitals as the funding agency for treatment under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka/other schemes.

The government also said that the 108 Arogya Kavacha ambulance service will be made available to shift patients in distress. The service normally deals with medical emergencies and shifts patients, but with cases rising, it will also be engaged in shifting Covid-19 patients to treatment facilities including Covid Care Centres (CCC). All government facilities will have to call 108 whenever they need shifting of patients from CCCs to hospitals.

Even patients suffering from breathlessness can call 108 and the paramedics in the ambulance will check if the patient is Covid-positive or a suspected patient through the ICMR portal and move them to a Covid treatment facility. If the patient is negative, the patient will be shifted to a hospital for testing.

Union Bank inaugurates regional office in B'luru

Bengaluru: Union Bank of India plans to open 125 new regional offices across the country following the merger with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank. As part of the initiative, the bank opened a new regional office at Kasturba Road in Bengaluru on Saturday. It was inaugurated by Field General Manager B Sreenivasa Rao and Regional Head T Najundappa. Altogether, 96 branches in the southern part of Bengaluru will come under this regional office. The field manager has eight regions. Of the total, three regional offices are in Bengaluru, one each in Shivamogga, Hubballi, Davanagere, Mysuru and Kalaburagi. These eight regional offices have been inaugurated as well.

IN COVID NET

Fishermen repair fishing nets at Kothi Beach in Kozhikode. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the trawling ban, the fishermen community is facing major economic setback | TP SOORAJ

Sathankulam case: All five accused shifted to Madurai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thoothukudi

CB-CID Inspector General K Shankar said here on Saturday that the agency was planning to take custody of the five policemen, who are accused in the Sathankulam custodial deaths case, for interrogation next week. The investigation is on all angles, and statements from more than 10 witnesses have been recorded, the IG said.

Hours after the CB-CID IG hinted at taking custody of the accused sleuths, the Tamil Nadu Prison Department shifted them from Perurani district jail in Thoothukudi to Madurai Central Prison. Thoothukudi SP S Jeyakumar said the district police provided vehicles to shift the accused, as requested by the Prison Department. According to sources, the vehicles left Perurani jail around 4.30 pm and were expected to reach Madurai Central Prison by 8 pm.

EDITOR OF NEWS WEBSITE BOOKED FOR PUBLISHING MORPHED PHOTOGRAPHS

CB-CID sleuths, who are investigating the alleged custodial deaths of father-son duo in Sathankulam, have booked the editor of a news website for allegedly publishing morphed photos of the victims. According to a CB-CID release, a morphed photo of two men with injuries on their bodies, identifying them as Jeyaraj and Beniks were published in a website "Makkal Seithi Mayyam".

Fifth accused nabbed

One of the accused policemen, Head Constable M Muthuraj, was nabbed from Poosanur village in the district in the late hours of Friday. Muthuraj, who was on run for the last few days, was caught by a team headed by Vilathikulam DSP Peer Mohideen and Kulatur Inspector Ramalakshmi, and was immediately handed over to CB-CID. Early on Saturday, the CB-CID produced the Muthuraj before Chief Judicial Magistrate S Hema who remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days at the district jail in Perurani.

Revenue official hands over charge of police station

The revenue official who had taken control of the Sathankulam police station as per the High Court order, has handed over the charge to newly transferred Inspector Bernard Xavier. This comes even as Kovilpatti Judicial Magistrate Barathidasan and CB-CID sleuths completed collection of documents and material evidence from the station. The Madurai Bench of Madras High Court had ordered the district administration to take control of the station, as the sleuths there refused to cooperate with the magisterial probe.

Enrica Lexi case: Kerala CM calls for a fair trial

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking to build international pressure for a fair trial of two marines in the Enrica Lexi case. The duo —Salvatore Girone and Massimiliano Latorre —were accused of shooting two fishermen to death off the coast of Kerala in 2012.

Pinarayi, in his letter, said the matter deserved a more sensitive and cautious handling by the Central government. The tribunal's decision against the trial of the accused in India was shocking and unfortunate, he said.

"The matter definitely deserved a more sensitive and cautious handling from the beginning and during the proceedings in the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), as it involved the loss of life of two innocent Indians.

Whatever be the technicalities of the international conventions, the decision of the ITLOS has resulted in added grief to the bereaved families and people of Kerala. I wish to convey our strong feelings in the issue," he said.

If the tribunal's award is not appealable, Pinarayi asked Modi to "take earnest efforts to build international pressure for a fair trial in Italy".

He said that India should bargain for an exemplary compensation.

Express Group VP (Commercial) passes away

K Karunakaran (69), who was serving as the Vice President (Commercial) of the New Indian Express Group, passed away on Saturday (July 4). He joined the organisation on October 6, 1995, and has been a part of the Express family for the past 25 years. A graduate in law, Karunakaran joined the commercial department, and rose to head the team. He was also part of the senior management at Express. The management and the staff of The New Indian Express Group expressed shock and grief over his sudden demise, and conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Karunakaran is survived by his wife K Joyce and son K Arun John.

SANITISATION WORRIES

Who you gonna call? SHE warriors at your service

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WONDERING where to call or whom to approach for sanitisation of commercial and residential spaces or even your vehicle? Then just call the SHE warriors.

The Panchayat Raj department along with LabourNet, a social enterprise, has trained six women in three panchayats to sanitise and disinfect premises to become SHE (Sanitisation and Hygiene Entrepreneurs) warriors.

The initiative was started on a pilot basis in the third week of May in Somanahalli, Rajankunte and Chikkaballapur panchayats. Now, after tasting success, the department has decided to extend it to 200 panchayats by August 15. "It was started to make women, under the self-help group programme who lost jobs or were looking for employment, independent and capable to earn a living during the lockdown period. It has now become popular and will be stretched across the State. These SHE warriors are trained and well equipped to sanitise any type of place. They reach the area to be sanitised on a call and are thoroughly professional," Panchayat Raj Commissioner Priyank Mary Francis told The New Sunday Express.

Two women working in each panchayat are chosen to become SHE warriors and they earn anything between Rs 500 and RS 700 a day. Apart from getting daily calls, they have also got monthly sanitisation contracts. The Common Health of Learning module of Vancouver has been adopted by LabourNet to train these women. A triparty agreement for the SHE warriors project in Karnataka to implement has been signed between the Panchayat Raj Department, the gram panchayats and LabourNet.

Gayathri Vasudevan, Cofounder, LabourNet, said they they are also working with the National Skill Development Corporation. "The idea is to have sustainable development and make women capable rather that giving them grants. Apart from training, the women are given equipment like spray gun, tank and a mobile phone. They are trained to sanitise bus stops, autos, all type of vehicles, commercial and residential spaces of any size. A loan of Rs 10,000 was given by the state government to start with and it has worked well," she said.

I'll tell you what Freedom is to me. No fear.

Nina Simone

FUND BRICK AND MORTAR TO CONSTRUCT GROWTH

IT'S a recession, said Harry Truman, when your neighbour loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own. The India Story is stranded between recession and depression.

The anecdotal and the experiential are reflected in empirical data. This week, the government released the GST numbers. The fall in revenues, which illustrates shrinking of consumption and forecasts/projections of severe contraction — 4 per cent by Moody's, 4.5 per cent by the IMF, 5 per cent by Standard and Poor and 6.5 per cent by ICRA.

What does a contraction of 4 per cent or 5 per cent translate for $ 2.86 trillion economy? India, as per Budget 2020, was expected to grow at a nominal rate of 10 per cent. A contraction of 5 per cent means the economy instead of growing from $ 2.86 trillion to $ 3.15 trillion would shrink. Rahul Bajoria at Barclays, in June, using a matrix of factors, estimated the loss at $ 306 billion or roughly ₹23 lakh crore.

THE THIRD EYE

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This does not factor the cost of opportunity lost and consequences ranging from loss of capacity, of employment, slide in investment, rise in bankruptcies and NPAs in the banking sector. Michael Patra, deputy governor at Reserve Bank of India, believes the destruction of economic activity "is much more deleterious in terms of loss of basic livelihood, economic security, health and confidence than the range of estimates/projections of GDP and other macroeconomic aggregates suggest".

It is useful to refer to history on contraction and reversal of momentum. Indonesia's GDP slid from over $ 200 billion to less than $ 100 billion during the Asian crisis and recovered to previous levels after five years. India, to paraphrase Lewis Carroll's character the Red Queen, was already a slow sort of economy, running to maintain growth. To get out of the trough, it must plan and act now.

It is true that that the government in concert with the RBI has initiated steps — the moratorium, the credit line and flurry of policies to open up the economy to investment. What happens when the moratorium ends (https://bit.ly/36Loans)? The focus has been on the supply side and what is missing is a plan to revive employment and demand — beyond the measures to sustain sustenance of those on the periphery of penury.

Revival of the economy calls for policies and funding which enable employment — of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour, those who are on the edge of poverty — to propel incomes and demand. The potential for growth is located at the intersection of the agrarian and industrial economy hosting the bulk of the workforce. Revival calls for funding brick and mortar activity, investment in construction and infrastructure sectors to rebuild the economy.

The challenge presents an opportunity to align the moral obligations of the government with economic imperatives. In the design of the plan, India can address pending promises and deficits which impact its management of the pandemic and the quality of life. In 2018, the government promised addition of one lakh community health centres for rural health care. There is also the promise of piped water to every home — currently barely a fifth of households can access piped water. Cities need to build sewage treatment plants — barely a third of the 60,000 million litres of sewage generated by cities is treated. Rural road connectivity is critical for the recently announced 'one nation one market' initiative for the agricultural sector. The list could include affordable housing, new smart cities and more.

Investment to enable this will deliver dividends to the flailing economy. Construction and real estate sectors, the second largest employers in the economy, have a multiplier effect on employment and economic growth as they accelerate demand generation across 200 plus segments of industry. A large number of companies supplying materials are essentially small, micro and medium enterprises which employ the bulk of industrial labour. A CRISIL June 2020 study which describes MSMEs as the epicentre of the crisis reports rather ominously that "about 70 per cent of 40,000 companies have cash to cover employee cost for only two quarters."

Revival calls for dismantling of misplaced notions to prevent the cascade of consequences, of bankruptcies, mass unemployment and further contraction in the economy. The RBI, which is working on a plan to restructure loans, must address sectoral distress as this represents systemic risk — and this was flagged earlier this week by HDFC chief Deepak Parekh. The exposure of banks, NBFCs, funds and housing finance companies to construction and real estate is estimated at over ₹6 lakh crore — CRE Matrix, a real estate analytics firm, puts it at ₹8.1 lakh crore. Preventing a sclerosis in capillary flows of credit is critical to any plan for revival of the economy.

Context and circumstance is critical for policy. In the developed economies — in the European Union and in the United States — central banks are extending and expanding credit. The objectives — to save jobs, protect capital, preserve capacities and promote growth — hold true for India too. The visible hand of the government must invest and fund programmes to enable the invisible hands of enterprise to propel the virtuous cycle of growth.

GIVING MARX TO OUR LEADERS

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

KARL MARX summed up a complete philosophy when he set forth the precept, 'From each according to his ability.' This was not communism. It was simply the acceptance of a guiding principle of life, that every individual had a responsibility to society. Does a father or a son, a factory owner or a businessman, a film star or a sportsman, a journalist or an engineer contribute to society according to the best of his ability? If he doesn't, he is living off others who do.

What about politicians? Are they contributing according to their ability? Since Marx was the paramacharya of communism, it's only fair to begin by asking whether our communist leaders contributed according to their ability? The men who emerged as communism's most influential leaders, Jyoti Basu and E M S Namboodiripad, were men of substance, respected by friends and foes alike for their intellectual calibre and political sagacity. Their eminence within the party was unchallenged.

But their achievements on the ground as chief ministers did not measure up to their ability. In both the states, laws were changed with the sole aim of ending feudal landlordism, just as the textbooks said. What happened to agriculture in the process was not a matter of interest. In Bengal, regional imbalances developed and grassroots poverty levels rose high. The dilapidated tram system in Kolkata, a disgrace, continued as if to symbolise the stagnation. In Kerala, the fabled granary of Kuttanad lay waste because paddy fields were entrusted to IAS officers to run. Today, the state is dependent on imported food grains and vegetables. In both states, ideology won over reality.

In China, reality won over ideology. Deng Xiaoping created his own precept when he said famously that the colour of the cat did not matter as long as it caught mice. Cats of enterprise began catching mice so successfully in China that prosperity levels rose within one generation for vast sections of the population. If EMS and Jyoti Basu had used their power to introduce similar reforms in the party, the story of India would have been different. But they chose to be men of the moment, not men of history. After them, the party went from bad to worse until, in West Bengal, it was thrown out of power and, in Kerala, it became synonymous with murder politics with Prakash Karat, CPM's most inconsequential general secretary, spending his time reading text books.

The story is no different elsewhere. Jawaharlal Nehru enjoyed popularity and power, rare in democracies. With the parliamentary majority he enjoyed, there was nothing he could not achieve. He did introduce attitude-altering reforms that helped modernise the country. But it cannot be said that he did the best according to his ability. There were badly needed changes that only he had the influence to introduce. Administrative and police changes, for example. The British had developed the civil service and the police force to act as masters and oppressors of the people. They remain just that to this day. What was easy to reform then would be difficult now.

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Indira Gandhi's power and popularity reached dizzy heights in 1971 following the Bangladesh war. Yet, within four short years, she took the country to its lowest ebb with the imposition of Emergency. Rajiv Gandhi's parliamentary majority reached a record 404 out of 533 in 1984. He even declared a well-meant plan to clean things up and imaginative programmes in key areas like telecommunication. But he caved in soon, unable to stop relatives from abroad and friends at home from manipulating the system for private ends. The system devoured him. None of the Gandhis served the country according to their abilities. They made the country serve them.

Ditto with other parties. Mamata Banerjee, with her eccentric twists and turns, is yet to achieve anything of substance. Mayawati used power to immortalise herself in statues and monuments. The prophet of socialism, Mulayam Singh Yadav, turned rank criminals into Cabinet ministers. The less said about the socialist of Bihar, Lalu Prasad, the better.

Even A B Vajpayee was forced by party pressures to abandon policies of moderation and turned himself into a narrow Hindutva warrior. The chief minister under whose watch the Gujarat riots took place adjusted himself deftly after he became the prime minister in 2014. But ideological beliefs were strong and he seemed happy to see the fanatic fringe growing.

When those who have the power to act wisely do not do so, they fail to function according to the best of their ability. Marx prescribed a yardstick that was tough. And fair.

COVID: EUTHANISE BEAST OF EXAGGERATION

POWER & POLITICS

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EXAGGERATION reflects desperation. In times of pestilence and death, governments are using the legerdemain of numbers to numb the conscience of a gullible populace. The health and wealth of both individuals and nations are being measured in numbers. A manipulated model using selective juggling of data is being frequently used by state and corporates to influence markets and policies. The daily numerology of Covid-19 statistics being injected into the public domain has become the manual of dissimulation. It's dangerously dictating and defining the course and contours of public healthcare and financial architecture to revive a doomed world economy.

The cozenage of data entails a mythical abacus to calculate a cumulative number that includes imaginary figures. Ever since the cure-defying Coronavirus started to haunt humanity, global number crunchers have made it a point to paint a picture of a pandemic whose miasma is predestined. Instead of projecting the growing power of people to fight and recover, the sultans of stats have been hyping the Covid-19 numerical nemesis. Purveyors of pandemic panic calculate that the virus has affected over 11 million people all over the world. Technically, it's true.

However, the reality is that there are only 4.3 million active cases on an earth populated by over 7 billion people. Over 65 per cent of patients have recovered. Since January, TB, HIV and cancer have affected ten times more patients without leading to a global lockdown. The intensity of Covid-19's spread is confined to a few cities and fewer nations. It has prowled through 213 countries but over 80 per cent of active cases are only in a dozen-odd European countries, North America and parts of South Asia. The Americans are defining the nasty narrative. The US media rarely gives prominence to the total number of recovered victims, which is almost 55 per cent of the total. The politics of Coronavirus is dominating the nature of reporting in the initial months of Trump's presidential election campaign. Well-educated and financed opinion makers are following their international mentors. It's strange that there is a little concern about the medical research papers that foresaw over 1.5 million cancer cases in 2020. Over six lakh people have died of cancer. Tuberculosis has claimed over 30 million people since 1993 when WHO declared it a global disease.

India is perhaps the worst victim of the scenario of exaggeration. During the past 100 days in a nation of 1.30 billion divided by 36 states and Union Territories, there are barely 6.25 lakh Coronavirus patients. During the same period over 60 per cent have fully recovered. The entire country has less than 2.50 lakh live cases. While every sixth human being lives in India, only one out of 20 live cases exist here. But Covid Catastrophe Cassandras have created the impression that the germ is swallowing the entire nation. Primetime anchors scream about a hike in new cases but rarely play up the daily improvement in the recovery rate. The media never analyses the shrinking geographical impact of the virus. Over 75 per cent of active cases are confined to just five states and a dozen cities. Bihar and Uttar Pradesh that account for over 20 per cent of the population have less than 10,000 cases put together. The high decibels of noise from the media and opinion makers have forced the states and the Centre to limit economic activities and spend energy and money on creating massive infrastructure to meet a possible Covid-19 spurt.

"In a worst-case scenario, according to one estimate at least, we may end up with 2.2 million cases in India by May 15, which implies that we will need 110,000 to 220,000 ventilators," an American funded think tank had predicted in March. Similarly, others predicted 20 million cases by August. Both the states and New Delhi took such cavalier calculations seriously. According to published reports over 4 lakh isolation beds have already been arranged, which is nearly twice the number of active cases. States are competing to take over sports complexes, banquet halls, hotels and even vacating buildings to set up Covid-19 facilities.

> India is perhaps the worst victim of the scenario of exaggeration. During the past 100 days in a nation of 1.30 billion divided by 36 states and Union Territories, there are barely 6.25 lakh Coronavirus patients. During the same period over 60 per cent have fully recovered. The entire country has less than 2.50 lakh live cases. While every sixth human being lives in India, only one out of 20 live cases exist here

In fact, news papers reported in Delhi alone, over 9,000 beds are lying vacant. Yet, the government is going to add 15,000 more during the next couple of weeks. Liberal concessions are being given to manufacture masks, ventilators and PPEs. Actually the number of brands of masks and sanitisers etc are more than the number of active Covid cases in many cities. Masks have become not a tool for prevention but a fashion statement. However, Coronaphobics refuse to debate the long-lasting damage of other curable diseases. Forget stratospheric infant mortality, about 2.50 lakh individuals are estimated to succumb to cancer by 2020. According to official reports, India has over 2.6 million TB patients. Over 4.40 lakh of them died last year. But there is no concern about resources and policy to contain its recurrence. Even Ebola and Swine flu hasn't invited such huge investments of human capital and assets.

Covid has created fear in the minds of the high and middle classes the most, pressuring the administration to act in a lopsided manner. It paralysed the economy by forcing migrants to move from cities to villages and look for alternate jobs. For almost three months, cinema halls, malls, restaurants, wholesale markets, transport, construction, handicraft sectors, airports and railways were non-functional.

The month of May marked the first time in India's history when not even a single car was sold. Both the government and market players gloated over GST collection of around ₹90,000 crore in June. But they didn't bother to take in account that it was just outstanding payment for April and May. A massive erosion of government revenues would further weaken its plans to revive the ailing system. In the credible endeavour to save lives, millions have lost their livelihood.

Since the consensus among medical experts is that we have to learn to live with Covid for the rest of our lives, the time has come to ignore the nonsense of numbers. Instead of imposing lockdowns and repressive restrictions on the movement of people, stringent enforcement of Covid protocols would yield quicker results. Instead of spending too much time on setting up facilities, which provide attractive visuals for newspapers and TV channels, lawmakers should enforce wearing masks, social distancing and better hygiene across the country. India is income challenged. But Indians have exceptionally high immunity and resilience. The Western model of affluence-generation through inflated numbers has failed. As the nation chooses a Swasth Atmanirbhar Bharat, it should euthanise the beast of exaggeration that weakens the resolve to fight and win. Don't allow vicious numbers to do a number on people.

QUOTE CORNER

Nothing stands as a greater reminder to the Great Sioux Nation of a country that cannot keep a promise or treaty than the faces carved into our sacred land on what the United States calls Mount Rushmore

Harold Frazier, chairman of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

He (Hachalu Hundessa) was a hero to many, and had so much to offer his people. He always fought for them — and during those times when many artists, activists and politicians fled the country, Hachalu stayed back raising issues that many would not dare to raise

Amensisa Ifa, friend of slain Ethiopian musician Hachalu Hundessa

I have already left Hong Kong and continue the advocacy work on the international level. Based on risk assessment, I shall not reveal too much about my personal whereabouts and situation now

Nathan Law, Hong Kong pro-democracy activist

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Leading from the front

By visiting Leh and personally meeting our jawans and getting to know at first hand the inhospitable conditions in which they operate, our Prime Minister has certainly boosted the morale of our forces. For it is not the weapons but the men behind the weapons that win a war. It is regrettable to see that even during such times, there are people who pick holes and play spoilsport instead of standing as one behind the PM. Britain which was ill-equipped to fight a war at the time of WW-II stood as one behind Winston Churchill. Those who mock the PM are either ignorant of history or don't know anything better than political aggrandisement.

Krishnakumar Kulkarni, Kalaburagi

Vaccine trial needs time

Why is there such a hurry to announce a vaccine for Covid-19 and August 15 set as a deadline when the experts have said that a minimum period of 12-18 months is needed to successfully develop a vaccine? Are human lives more important or an announcement of a vaccine (which is still to be proved of its efficacy on humans) on August 15 by the Prime Minister on the occasion of the broadcast of his Independence Day speech to the country?

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Why fret over Priyanka?

There needs be no such hullabaloo if Priyanka Vadra is served with notice to vacate her palace-like residence which she had been enjoying by paying a throwaway rent for decades. Not even a fool will say that she is financially ill-placed to pay the proper rent to the government. With so much of talk on socialism and giving marathon lectures on the plight of the poor, Priyanka herself has failed to follow which she preached to others. Moreover, in the changed context of political atmosphere both in Srilanka and India, she requires no SPG cover any longer. Except the stooges and sycophants clinging to the Gandhi family, none is bothered about the withdrawal of SPG cover to the country's most pampered family any more.

S Nagarajan Iyer, Coimbatore

Justice is above everything

It is noteworthy that the mother of gangster Vikas Dubey, who is main accused in the Kanpur encounter case in which eight policemen were killed, said: "Police should kill my son even if they manage to arrest him." She further said, "By killing innocent policemen, he has done a very bad thing. I saw the news of the encounter on TV. I want him to come out and surrender to police, otherwise they will find him anyway. I am saying nab him and then do encounter." Sarla Devi is a brave woman. She has shown her love for the country and its security forces. She has proved that the justice is above everything.

M N Musaeed, Mumbai

Empathy can do wonders

Though State governments remind people that the fight is against the virus and not those infected, the ground realities are that those in quarantine are sometimes treated like 'untouchables' not only by government staff but also by their families. ('British Raj mentality has no place in India'. TNIE July 4) This attitude is uncalled for. After taking precautions, one can behave normally with them. The fear of the unknown is as much in them as it is in us. A little kindness and clean, convenient facilities can go a long way in making them comfortable.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Punish the Italian marines

It is sad that India's territorial jurisdiction over high seas to bring to book the two Italian marines, who killed two fishermen on Indian waters, has been denied by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) with no convincing legal reason. Instead of allowing Italian law enforcing authorities to sit in judgment over the offence that took place on Indian waters, the Home Ministry should move the Italian government for extraditing the marines and proceed to punish the offenders according to Indian laws.

K.Pradeep, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
The world, facing the corona pandemic, needs the positive message of Lord Buddha.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
I hope government will listen to people of Ladakh and the nation for safety of our motherland.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
The World is waiting for a safe vaccine, which is universally accessible.

'Work by BJP biggest seva yagya'

PM says that each section of society has connected with party during Covid relief work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the BJP isn't an election winning machinery but an organisation committed to social service. Stating that the corona relief work has so far been the greatest social service work undertaken in the country in the history of humanity, the PM tasked the party to digitally document the relief works carried out by the workers.

"For us the organisation is not election winning machinery. We have always believed that power is a medium for service in politics. Power isn't a medium for personal gains for us," Modi told the BJP workers, while addressing all the state units of the party in virtual conference. A large number of Cabinet ministers, including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, were present at the BJP headquarters along with the party chief J P Nadda and other senior functionaries.

Arguing that the BJP has emerged as an outfit representing all sections of the society, Prime Minister counted 52 Dalit and 43 tribal MPs from within the party ranks. He also said that there are more than 150 MLAs from within the ranks of the BJP across the country. "Each section of the society has connected with the BJP, and in the last three months the party workers have carried out corona relief works extensively, while at a much higher scale," said Modi.

Prime Minister, who joined the event through video conference from 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, tasked the BJP workers to digitally compile the works done by them for the relief of the people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. "Let's resolve to digitally compile the works done at the mandal, district, state and the central level. All the works for which the editorial boards should be constituted be completed by September 15, the birth anniversary of Deen Dayal Upadhyay," said Modi.

Seven state units of the party, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Delhi, Bihar, Karnataka, Assam and Uttar Pradesh, made presentations of the relief works done by them in the last three months.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends BJP's 'Seva Hi Sangathan Abhiyan' via video conferencing in New Delhi | PTI

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INTERVIEW

'EVERYONE IS HIT, BUT WE WILL RECOVER'

The disruption in the supply chain due to the Covid-19 is the main concern of the Defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). "Everyone is hit... Almost all projects will be affected and we are trying our best to reduce the impact," says HAL Chairman and Managing Director **R Madhavan**. The Centre on Thursday cleared acquisition of fighters, missiles etc to further boost the capabilities of the armed forces, but the Covid-induced crisis threatens to delay the ongoing defence projects including the manufacturing of fighter jets in India. In an interview, Madhavan tells **Ramu Patil** of The New Indian Express that despite the disruption, HAL will be able to recover in the fourth quarter of 2020-21 by putting in extra efforts.

Excerpts of the interview:

What is the impact of the pandemic on HAL's ongoing projects?
We opened up a bit earlier in April as our customers, the armed forces, wanted our services during that period at border areas. By May first week all our divisions were open. We lost 26 lakh manhours. But our main problem is with the supply chain. All our vendors in the country, basically MSMEs and a few large companies, couldn't open. In fact, many of them are not open even now and material that was to come from foreign countries, too, was a concern. International freight has been closed.

As for the demand, it will not make any impact as they are all long-term strategic requirements that are placed by the armed forces and that forms around 80 per cent of our sales. In fact, with Atmanirbhar Bharat it will further increase.

What about the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas?
In LCA, we have five major suppliers. We have to get equipment from them. That is getting delayed. But they too are hit...everyone is hit. Sixteen LCAs have to be delivered to the Indian Air Force (IAF) this and next financial year. We will still try to meet the requirements. We got FOC (Final Operational Clearance) in February 2019 and the first squadron was formed in Sulur within 12 months. That was an achievement. At present, one aircraft is ready to fly out to the base and five more are on the assembly line. We are confident...but we have to see how it works.

> **We started with three shifts, and now we are working in two. Lunch time has been shifted to ensure there is no crowding.**

Has the LCA manufacturing capacity been enhanced ?
Once the order for 83 aircraft is placed, our manufacturing capacity will also be increased to 16 aircraft per year. Currently, the second line set-up is almost completed and we can enhance even now. Once we get the orders, that will have a three-year lead time. It has to be designed and developed as new systems have to be added on the aircraft. We expect the final clearance by October or December this year.

Which other projects will be impacted?
Almost all the projects will get affected. If we have to deliver aircraft next March, material should have come by this time, and we should start integration now as it has a long period on the jig and also testing lead times. If material has not come in March, April and May, it will affect in the last quarters and even further and first quarters of the next year also. Even now, there is a problem in getting material from abroad for Su-30 repair and overhaul, and for some equipment for Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH). Engine material is stuck in France and other places and that will affect engine delivery, which in turn will affect my aircraft delivery.

Maharashtra is worst-hit by Covid-19. How has that affected HAL's Nashik plant and the Su-30 MKI project?
Nashik is a contained place. Most people coming from our townships are safe. SU-30 project has come to an end as far as manufacturing is concerned. Same assembly lines will be continued for the next orders (12 aircraft). IAF has to collect two aircraft, but since it (the plant) was closed on March 22, that could not happen. After that it was difficult. It will happen now. Maintenance of aircraft is increasing, depending on flying activities.

What is the update on the Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) project?
Spin is the only issue. Aircraft modification has been completed and waiting for the Spin Recovery System to start trials. When the aircraft goes into a spin, it has to recover. The system is an attachment at the back of the aircraft to help it to recover. It was stuck because of the Covid situation. Once that comes, within a month we can start the trials.

How are you managing the workforce?
Initially, we started with three shifts, and now we are working in two. Lunch time has been shifted to ensure there is no crowding. We are also taking regular sanitization measures on the premises. It is challenging, but we are managing it. We keep sending teams and officers to IAF units. They are sent for maintenance support, overhaul and design clearances and other tasks. We have to ensure that they are free of Covid-19. They are airlifted from contained areas and they enter IAF bases, which are safe areas.

How is HAL supporting MSMEs?
We are paying their dues as quickly as possible and also providing material support. For them, the problem is with the labour force. Many MSMEs depend on other industries too. We have an active list of 2,000 plus MSMEs. We depend on each other.

Is there any increase in workload due to the situation on the border?
Workload continues to be the same but (our) support role has increased.

WHO

Regional office, not China alerted first on Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) has changed its timeline on Covid-19 and said that it was not China but WHO's regional office that alerted it about the "viral pneumonia" on December 31.

Earlier, the WHO had said that it was the Wuhan municipal health commission that informed the UN agency about it. The WHO has been under attack from US President Donald Trump for failing to provide information on the pandemic of being complacent towards Beijing. However, in a new timeline issued this week, it said: "WHO's Country Office in the People's Republic of China picked up a media statement by the Wuhan Municipal Health Commission from their website on cases of 'viral pneumonia' in Wuhan, People's Republic of China."

WHO requested information on the reported cluster of atypical pneumonia cases in Wuhan from the Chinese authorities January 1, 2020.

Recovered coronavirus patients could be roped in as healthcare workers

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

AN expert panel under the Indian Council of Medical Research has proposed using willing recovered Covid 19 patients as volunteers in isolation and quarantine centres and Covid care centres as part of an epidemiological exercise.

To begin with, the cured coronavirus patients could be used in isolation and quarantine centres in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, sources privy to the development said.

A member of the expert group on Covid surveillance and epidemiology said many states are struggling to find enough frontline workers for a large number of quarantine and isolation centres as sometimes even nurses are wary of going close to infected or suspected patients. "Therefore, it will serve the dual purpose of solving the problem of manpower shortage in required places and also studying the immunological response behaviour in recovered patients who are otherwise healthy if we use them as volunteers."

As a pilot experiment, it could soon start in some districts of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, and could be later expanded to other states as well.

While it is not yet clear how long lasting are antibodies generated in those infected with SARS CoV 2 virus, it has emerged that the virus triggers T-cell mediated immunity in those exposed to the virus, which is considered good.

"T-cells are memory cells which mean that even when the antibody levels go down in those infected once, the person will have long lasting protection against the disease in case of any future exposure," said another panel member.

"So, while we are not confident enough to call it an immunity passport yet we do have some understanding now that exposed people will have a long-term protection and are thinking of utilising it and also studying its impact."

A research carried out at Karolinska University has shown that robust T-cell mediated immunity was found in all convalescent patients even in the absence of antibodies.

The scientists said that exposed family members and about 30 percent of healthy individuals, were found to have T-cell immunity against the infection.

Centre hails Ahmedabad covid facility

The Centre on Saturday hailed an innovative project started in one of the worst-hit cities by the pandemic, Ahmedabad, in providing non-Covid essential healthcare services and identifying hidden positive cases. Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation had launched mobile vans called Dhanvantri Rath to aid people in need.

Army trashes criticism over medical facility in Leh

NEW DELHI: THE Indian Army on Saturday termed as "malicious and unsubstantiated" criticism in some quarters about a medical facility in a military hospital in Leh where Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the soldiers injured in the Galwan Valley clashes.

In a statement, the Army said "it is unfortunate that aspersions are being cast on how our brave Armed Forces are treated. The armed forces give the best possible treatment to their personnel." Prime Minister Modi made an unannounced visit to Ladakh on Friday, signalling India's firmness in dealing with the border row with China in several areas of the region.

Modi also interacted with the soldiers who are undergoing treatment, and told them that their bravery will be a source of inspiration for times to come. Following release of photographs of Modi's interaction with the injured soldiers, there were comments on Twitter that the facility did not look like a hospital as there were no medicine cabinet, I V (intravenous) stand, and other medical equipment.

"There have been malicious and unsubstantiated accusations in some quarters regarding the status of the facility visited by PM during his visit to the General Hospital at Leh on July 3," the Army said.

The Army further said: "It is clarified that the said facility is part of the Crisis Expansion capacity of 100 beds and is very much part of the General Hospital complex."

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>
> Imran Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister

India's policies affecting peace, Pak backs China

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID the ongoing border India-China tension in Ladakh, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said that Pakistan and China 'have mutual support to each other in the face of common challenges'.

According to a statement from the Pakistan foreign ministry, Qureshi spoke to his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on Friday during which he said that India's belligerent posture and expansionist policies were imperilling peace in the region and added the situation in the region was deteriorating.

"During the phone conversation, Qureshi said Pakistan and China are all-weather strategic cooperative partners and had preserved a tradition of expressing solidarity, mutual assistance and mutual support to each other in the face of common challenges," the statement read.

Qureshi also told Wang that Pakistan was committed to the One China policy and firmly backs Beijing with regard to its interests in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Xinjiang.

"Disputes in the region should be resolved through peaceful means and agreed mechanisms rather than "resorting to unilateral, illegal and coercive measures," Qureshi said and such measures were reflected by New Delhi's decision to scrap Article 370, 35A from Jammu and Kashmir in August last year. "Apart from committing egregious violations of human rights, India is seeking to change demographic structure of the occupied territory," he said.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan vowed that the government would complete the CPEC project at any cost. "The corridor is a manifestation of Pakistan-China friendship and the government will complete it at any cost and bring its fruit to every Pakistani," he was quoted as saying. Both sides said they would support each other at multilateral institutions. The ministers said they would promote peace.

EXPANSIONIST DRAGON

'India wants to convey it is leading bids to check China'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"On land it had claimed territory from almost all of its neighbours as it inherited the imperial legacies of the Mongols and Manchus, the non-Han Chinese rulers. It is owing to its tributary relationship with peripheral countries that once China considered Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, Tibet etc as its territories,"Deepak added.

During a surprise visit to Ladakh on Friday, Modi said the era of expansionism was over and said its enemies had witnessed the "fire and fury" of its soldiers.

"Modi's comment was clearly directed towards China but could unwittingly be just as applicable when it comes to the US's economic neo-colonial expansionism. Considering his intention of directing that comment towards China, it indicates that India wants the entire world to realise that it is the frontline state in containing Beijing and it should be supported," Russia-based political analyst Andrew Korbyko said.

In its latest "expansionist exploits," China has laid claim to a part of Bhutan and also to the city of Vladivostok in Russia. But, Korbyko dismissed the reports as taken out of context.

"It was deliberately taken out of context and used as the deceptive lead-in to that report, which intends to drive a wedge between Russia and China. It's nothing but click-bait," he said.

Army raises 3 porter companies with 1,800 locals in Arunachal

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

AMIDST heightened troop mobilisation in the Ladakh sector of India-China border, the Indian Army is raising three companies of porters, comprising 1,800 local youth, in Arunachal Pradesh.

There is nothing strange in the drive that is conducted in collaboration with state's Labour Department but the timing of it this year, and the high number of vacancies advertised by the state government, assumes significance.

The porters are employed for six months on fixed remuneration and they are required to extend their service during winter too. "For reasons I don't know, they are heavily being employed this year," a government officer told this newspaper.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu attending the porters ceremony | TWITTERPIC

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, who attended the "porter raising ceremony" at Sapper in West Kameng district on Friday, motivated the hundreds of the youth who had turned up. He hailed them for their "service to the nation".

"This is a great time for our unemployed youth to showcase their unflinching patriotism by working alongside the brave Indian Army. This opportunity offers you not only employment but also the best chance to serve the nation," he said addressing the ceremony.

An NGO, Yuva Arunachal, had mobilised the youth from all over the state. To be employed within this month, they will form the three porter companies in the Kameng sector, of which the border town of Tawang is strategic for India. China claims Tawang and vast swathes of Arunachal as parts of its southern Tibet region.

CORONAVIRUS

Acting chairman of Bihar Legislative Council Awadhesh Narayan Singh, his wife, son and the PA were among 349 others, who tested corona positive on Saturday in the state.

2 MILITANTS GUNNED DOWN J&K ENCOUNTER

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	24	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	40	26	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	34	27	Lucknow	33	28
Chennai	32	24	Port Blair	29	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	28	20	Chandigarh	36	23

UP gangster's house demolished

Chaubeypur SHO suspended, detained by STF for allegedly informing Dubey about raid

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

KANPUR district administration on Saturday demolished a house belonging to Vikas Dubey, the main accused in the murder of eight UP cops, using bulldozers. However, Dubey still remained absconding almost two days after the incident in Bikru village of Kanpur. Inspector Vinay Tiwari, the station house officer of Chaubeypur police station, was suspended on Saturday for dereliction of duty during the operation against Dubey.

Tiwari has been detained by the STF and is being questioned over his role in the incident. According to Kanpur IG Mohit Agarwal, Tiwari was suspended under suspision of informing Dubey about the operation on Thursady.

The authorities demolished Dubey's house in Bikru village using the same earthmover machine which he had used to block the access road for the cops thus fortifying one-storey house. Two of his SUVs — a Scorpio and a Fortuner — were also destroyed in the action, according to officials.

Eight police personnel, including a circle officer in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police, three sub-inspectors and four constables were martyred during an operation against Dubey on late Thursday night. The killings have prompted a massive combing operation for Dubey, 48, who now carries a cash reward of Rs 50,000 on his head. Dubey has around 60 criminal cases lodged against him.

"25 teams are conducting raids in different districts of the state and other states as well," Agarwal said.

According to official sources, UP DGP HC Awasthi, ADG (Law & Order) Prashant Kumar and IG STF Amitabh Yash are camping in Kanpur to supervise the combing operations to nab the criminal at the earliest. The investigators have put around 500 mobile phones even remotely connected with Dubey on electronic surveillance to track his movements.

According to STF sources, Inspector Vinay Tiwari had met Dubey in connection with a complaint against him. Dubey had allegedly thrashed the complainant in front of the Inspector. He had also misbehaved with the cop.

On Thursday, Tiwari had lodged the FIR against Dubey on the basis of the complaint filed by Rahul Tiwari under section 307 of IPC. That followed the police raid by the team of 50 cops led by Billhaur CO Devendra Mishra who was martyred in the operation.

Tiwari, however, did not lead the police party despite being knowing the village well. Tiwari's reluctance to lead the team led STF to suspect his role following which he was suspended and detained.

An earthmover removes mangled remains of a SUV during the demolition of the residence of gangster Vikas Dubey in Bikru village on Saturday | PTI

> As many as 25 teams have been formed and are conducting raids in different districts of the Uttar Pradesh as well as other states
> Mohit Agarwal, IG Kanpur

Axe, AK-47 used in 'massacre'

LUCKNOW: The autopsy report of the slain policemen on Saturday revealed the gruesome manner in which gangster Vikas Dubey and his henchmen had targeted them. According to sources, the investigators including Uttar Pradesh STF, forensic experts and police believe around 60 people charged on the police team which had gone to raid Dubey's house.

As per the autopsy report, Billhaur Circle Officer Devendra Mishra was shot point blank and his head and toes were severed with a sharp-edged weapon, possibly axe. Shivrajpur SHO Mahesh Yadav was hit by bullets on face, chest and shoulder blades. Sub-Inspector Anup Singh also sustained seven bullet injuries all over his body. Constable Jitendra Pal received gunshots, possibly fired from an AK-47. Constables Rahul, Bablu and Sultan Singh had sustained injuries from bullets fired from .315 bore weapon.

Mohit Agarwal, Inspector General of Police Kanpur, on Saturday said that the pattern of attack was similar to that used by Naxals. *ENS*

Migrant workers flocking back to Mumbai for work

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WITH most states gradually lifting travel restrictions, many of the migrant workers who had left Maharashtra have started retuning in the absence of employment opportunities in their native states.

According to the Maharashtra government, 26-27 lakh migrants had returned home by trains during the lockdown period. "More than 26 lakh migrant officially left Mumbai by trains while many more left by road. Their total number could be more than 30 lakh in Mumbai alone. Migrant workers panicked due to rising Covid-19 cases and absence of work during the lockdown. Now, many of them are coming back," said a senior government official.

A majority of the migrants who have returned are from Uttar Pradesh, that is, 1.91 lakh, followed by 83,515 workers from Bihar, 78,424 from Punjab, 58,363 from Rajasthan, 22,565 from West Bengal and 17,002 from Kerala.

"Over three lakh people have returned to Mumbai and many more are coming in. The railway is running limited trains and most of them are full. Once things are normal in Mumbai, there will be more migrants flocking to the city to earn their livelihood," said senior government official.

Kripashankar Singh, former Mumbai Congress president, said, "Now that the Maharashtra government is reopening the economy, many factories and other small business like salons, auto and taxi services etc. have started. So, the migrant workers are coming back to resume work. Many people had their own business here, and they had not left permanently but only temporarily."

Another leader who is from north India said since the migrants had gone back in massive numbers, it will not be possible for their home states to generate jobs for them on such a large scale. "Besides, many of them were habitual to the lifestyle of Mumbai. It will be difficult for them to stay in some remote village of UP or Bihar," said Rajkumar Singh.

Row over purchase of vehicles

The Maha government is facing opposition heat for approving the purchase of six vehicles — Toyota Innova Crysta, each worth ₹22 lakh — for school education and sports departments at a time when it is struggling to pay salaries. The vehicles are meant for ministers and ministers of state for school education and sports & youth affairs, secretary of school education and school education department staff. The MNS demanded scrapping of the purchase order.

No flights from 6 cities to Kolkata from July 6 to 19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

HEEDING West Bengal government's request to suspend flights to the state capital, the Ministry of Civil Aviation said it would not operate flights to Kolkata from Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Chennai and Ahmedabad from July 6 to July 19.

The decision to suspend flights was taken in order to prevent a further surge of Covid-19 infection in Bengal, airport authorities said. "It is informed that no flights shall operate to Kolkata from Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Chennai & Ahmedabad from 6th to 19th July 2010 or till further order whichever is earlier. Inconvenience caused is regretted," the Kolkata airport tweeted.

Earlier this week, CM Mamata Banerjee said her government would request the Centre to suspend flight operations to Kolkata from the cities which have been identified as Covid-19 hotspots.

"On June 30, Chief Secretary Rajiva Sinha wrote to the central government and requested to suspend flight operations at least till July 19 from Covid-19 hotspot cities in the wake of a steep rise in Covid-19 infection in Kolkata and West Bengal," an official said.

On an average, the Kolkata airport operates 10 flights daily from Delhi, five each from Mumbai and Chennai, two each from Ahmedabad and Pune and one from Nagpur.

Rajasthan HC sends notice to Patanjali

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Rajasthan High Court has issued notices to Patanjali Ayurved, Union AYUSH Ministry, ICMR, Jaipur's NIMS Hospital, and the state health department on a plea seeking a ban on the sale of the 'Coronil' drug in the state. The court has asked all parties to submit a reply within four weeks.

The petition filed by Advocate SK Singh said the prescribed norms and rules were violated during the so-called clinical trials. It is also being alleged that no official permission was sought. Until formalities of the licensing process are completed, the promotion and sale of Coronil should be banned in Rajasthan.

Chhattisgarh economy picks up pace

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IF the Chhattisgarh government data is to be believed, green shoots of economic recovery are visible post lockdown: Goods and Service Tax (GST) collections were the highest in a single month so far, besides automobile, agriculture and other sectors have also witnessed a significant growth.

"Last month, GST collection in the state increased by 22 per cent as compared to the same period last year, while the number of vehicles registration went up 3.5 times compared to May this year", said an official spokesperson. In 2019, the GST collection was ₹2,093 crore, while this year it rose to ₹2,549 crore in June.

After Jaipur, the maximum sale of cars and bikes was recorded in Raipur. In May, nearly 7,603 bikes were sold, while in June it crossed the 27,000 mark. As per Regional Transport Office information, the number of cars purchased in May was 1,107, while in June it stood at 2,889 cars.

Under the Rajiv Gandhi *Kisaan Nyay Yojana*, over 3,000 new tractors were purchased by farmers. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy report, the rate of employment in the state was 3.4 per cent — compared to the national figure of 23.5 per cent.

UNDERWATER CITY

People and vehicles wade through a waterlogged area during monsoon rain at Parel in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

Satellite phones to select border areas in U'khand

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

IN an attempt to fill communication gaps in border areas in Uttarakhand, the state government is distributing satellite phones to selected people on Nepal and China border. The aim is to keep an eye on the ground amidst ongoing tussle with China and Nepal in border areas.

"The phones will be distributed to keep an eye on the border areas. This will enable us to strengthen communication lines in border areas," a senior police official said on the condition of anonymity.

According to sources, 200-300 satellite phones will be distributed. Last month, 49 villages in Pithoragarh district along the China and Nepal border were equipped with satellite phones amidst ongoing tensions.

The locals, however, say this is not sufficient and a robust infrastructure is needed to tackle the problem. Uttarakhand border villages are compelled to use Nepalese Sim cards due to poor availability of Indian network providers, including the government owned BSNL.

However, high call rates are a concern for people . The call charges are fixed at ₹12 per minute and an SMS also costs the same.

RAJAJI RESERVE

Stress-buster drill for captive elephants

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

IN a first, the Rajaji Tiger Reserve (RTR) has set up an elephant gym in Chilla range of the reserve to keep the distressed captive elephants cheerful and active. These elephants are used for patrolling in the reserve.

"The gym will provide options of exercise and playfulness which will keep the elephants fitter and more cheerful. The elephants out in the forest move a lot and get more rigorous physical exposure than the ones in captivity," said RTR Director Amit Varma.

The gym will ensure that the six captive elephants are put through exercises to remain cheerful. Dr Aditi Sharma, veterinarian at the reserve, said, "Movement of elephants is important for their physical and mental health. In this gym they will be made to do various exercises to keep them physically and mentally engaged."

At present, total six elephants are being trained in this gym of which three are adults and three are baby elephants.

Activities in the open air facility includes mud baths, big pipes with holes in which food is kept for them to search, tyres hanging from ropes and big hanging balls for elephants.

Riesh Joshi, a scientist at the conservation and survey division of Union Ministry of Environment and Forests and author of 'Secret Life of Elephants' said, "Elephants, in captivity get stressed easily as they have habit of living in herds. Exercises will help them bust stress."

Uttarakhand has registered an increase of over 10% in the number of elephants according to figures released by the state government.

The census was conducted for three days from June 6, which recorded 2,026 elephants. In 2017 there were 1,839 elephants in the hill state.

BHOPAL DIARY

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Dada's silence could cost BJP dear

Ramesh Mendola, popularly known as Dada Dayalu among his supporters in Indore, is maintaining studied silence after missing out ministerial berth in the recent cabinet expansion. Mendola is a three-time MLA from Indore-II winning by the maximum margin in 2013 and 2018 elections. While his supporters protested on Indore's streets as well as on social media, Mendola himself is silent. However, BJP sources believe that his silence could prove costly to the party in the bulk assembly polls, particularly in the Sanwer seat of Indore. Mendola is considered close to BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya.

BJP president's Sasural misses out in Shivraj cabinet

The much-awaited second cabinet expansion of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government finally happened on Thursday. Twenty eight new ministers on joined the government with 20 new ministers of cabinet rank and eight ministers of state being added to the cabinet. While Indore, Bhopal, and Gwalior all got representation in the cabinet, national BJP president JP Nadda's sasural Jabalpur drew a blank. There was no minister from Jabalpur inducted in the expansion. Jabalpur was not given representation in the first cabinet expansion in April also. While Mahakoshal region has three ministers now in the Shivraj cabinet with two berths in the second expansion, Jabalpur lost out in the race despite former minister and Patan MLA Ajay Bishnoi being in the race.

MP's Nitin Menon in ICC elite panel of umpires

Nitin Menon from Madhya Pradesh has become only the third Indian to be inducted into the ICC's Elite Panel of Umpires. 36-year-old Nitin is the youngest umpire in the 12-member elite panel of cricket's highest body. Earlier, S Venkatraghavan and Sunderam Ravi from India have been part of the elite panel. Nitin's father Narendra Menon was also a renowned umpire. Nitin stood in his first Twenty20 International match between India and England in 2017. He later stood in his first ODI match between Afghanistan and Ireland also in 2017. He was named as one of the umpires for the 2018 ICC Women World Twenty20.

Jeetu Soni arrested, cops trace his helpers

After nabbing the most-wanted Jeetu Soni from Gujarat, the Indore crime branch is now tracing all those contacts, who all helped the fugitive to hide in Gujarat and Maharashtra. A Rajkot-based bookie, who helped Soni stay underground for months, is under police's radar. Soni, an influential businessman and owner of Sanjha Lokswami tabloid in Indore was accused in 60 cases. The first case was lodged against him after his tabloid published transcripts of conversation between women operatives of the high-profile honey trap racket which jolted the the state.

7,580 jobs
to be eliminated at Air France and its regional unit Hop! by the end of 2022 due to the pandemic

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	35	25	SNY	Los Angeles	29	17	SNY
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	13	9	LR
Doha	45	31	SNY	Moscow	27	15	LC
Dubai	42	30	SNY	New York	32	22	SNY
Houston	37	24	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	32	23	SNY	Toronto	33	11	SNY
London	21	12	LC	Washington DC	33	23	LC

AURORA

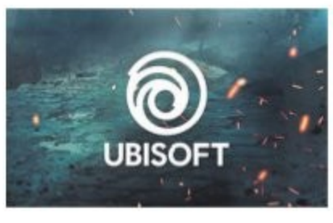
Cops fired for imitating chokehold on Black man

Three officers were fired Friday over photos showing police reenact a chokehold used on Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old Black man who died last year after police stopped him on the street in a Denver suburb. One of those fired is Jason Rosenblatt, a white Aurora officer who helped stop McClain in August for wearing a ski mask and "being suspicious."

MANILA

Philippine officials faked data in Wirecard scandal

Philippine immigration officers falsified records to show ex-Wirecard executive Jan Marsalek briefly visited the country after he was sacked from the collapsed German payments firm, the justice minister said on Saturday. German and Philippine authorities want to question the ex-COO as part of probes into the Wirecard scandal, but his whereabouts are unclear.



MONTREAL

2 Ubisoft execs leave amid sexual harassment probe

Two top executives from Ubisoft, one of the world's largest gaming companies, have left the firm during an investigation into allegations of sexual harassment and abuse. Maxime Beland, vice-president of editorial in Toronto, resigned and Tommy Francois, vice-president of editorial and creative services based in Paris was sent on disciplinary leave.

SEOUL

North Korea says it has no plan for talks with US

North Korea does "not feel any need" to resume talks with Washington, a senior diplomat for the country said Saturday, days after Seoul called for a summit as it seeks improved ties. The statement came after former US national security advisor John Bolton reportedly said President Donald Trump may pursue another meeting with Kim Jong Un in Oct.

PARIS

Mona Lisa to smile again at visitors in Louvre

The Louvre in Paris, the world's most visited museum and home to the Mona Lisa, reopens on Monday but with restrictions in place and parts of the complex closed to visitors. The Louvre has been closed since Mar 13 and this has already led to losses of over 40 million euros, its director said. Spots have been marked in front of the Mona Lisa to ensure distancing.

OTTAWA

Canadian ethics watchdog launches Trudeau probe

Canada's ethics watchdog said he has launched an investigation into Justin Trudeau, after a contract to manage a major government program was awarded to a charity with links to the PM's family. Trudeau's government said in late June that it was awarding WE Charity the management of the CAN$900 million federal program, which provides student grants.

NEW YORK

US singers Musgraves, Kelly file for divorce

Grammy-winning singer Kacey Musgraves and her musician-husband, Ruston Kelly, have filed for divorce. Musgraves has been a success since releasing her major-label debut album, *Same Trailer Different Park*, in 2013. At the 2019 Grammys, her *Golden Hour* won all four awards it was nominated for, including the coveted top prize, album of the year.

Beer flows again in English pubs, but clusters cause worry elsewhere

Australia & Spain scramble to contain fresh virus clusters; US infections hit new daily high

Eat out to help out, says Rishi Sunak

Britain's finance minister Rishi Sunak urged people Saturday to "eat out to help out" the economy claw its way from a historic decline sparked by the coronavirus crisis. Sunak said the closures have been especially painful for Britain because consumption makes up about two-third of its GDP. "That's more than most of our peers," he told *The Times*. "People act responsibly, but ultimately if we eat out to help out we can protect those jobs. It's not abstract."

France sends medics to hard-hit Guiana

France said it is sending medics to its South American territory of French Guiana, where infections have surged as the virus swept neighboring Brazil. Of the roughly 5,000 new cases confirmed across France over the past week, 1,400 were in French Guiana, with a population of just 300,000, according to the health agency. The military is flying patients from saturated facilities to the French Caribbean island of Martinique for treatment.

JOHANNESBURG

PUBS and movie theaters across England reopened Saturday as part of Britain's biggest step toward post-outbreak normal, while South Africa signaled anything but — reporting another record daily high in coronavirus cases.

"Let's not blow it now," British PM Boris Johnson said as some in England rushed to restaurants or barbers for the first time in over three months.

The United States plunged into the Fourth of July weekend with many parades and fireworks displays canceled, and health authorities warned that Independence Day will be a crucial test of Americans' self-control. Confirmed cases are climbing in 40 states, and the U.S. set another record Friday with 52,300 newly reported infections, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University.

More than 11 million people around the world are known to have been infected since the pandemic began, 2.7 million of those in the U.S., according to the Johns Hopkins data. With shortages of testing materials, the real number of cases is unknown. More than 525,000 people have died.

In South Africa, a growing hot spot as the pandemic picks up speed in parts of Africa, confirmed cases have climbed to more than 177,000, with a record 9,063 reported in the most recent 24-hour period.

If Africa's most developed country is struggling to manage the pandemic, that's ominous for less-prepared African nations. Confirmed cases across the 54-nation continent are now above 433,000.

Seated drinkers chat while the Derby v Nottingham Forest football match plays on a big screen in Tib Street Tavern in Manchester on Saturday | AFP

Russia marks new milestone

Russia marked a milestone as the death toll rose above 10,000. The national coronavirus task force also reported 6,632 new infections, raising the total for the outbreak to 674,515.

Russia's caseload is the world's third largest behind the United States and Brazil, but its reported deaths are lower than many other countries.

Australia's Victoria state locked down nine public housing towers and three more Melbourne suburbs after 108 new cases. Premier Daniel Andrews said 3,000 people in the towers will go into "hard lockdown," meaning "there will be no one allowed in ... and no one allowed out."

Mass lockdown in Spain

Authorities in northeast Spain ordered the lockdown of El Segriá county around the city of Lleida, home to over 200,000 people, after health officials recorded a jump in 60 cases in 24 hours. The outbreaks are linked to agricultural workers in the rural area.

And Tokyo confirmed 131 new cases, exceeding 100 for the third day in a row and hitting a new two-month high, prompting Governor Yuriko Koike to ask residents to avoid nonessential out-of-town visits. Concerns are rising about a resurgence of infections as Japan after curbs were lifted. *AP*

OVERWHELMED

A patient in the Covid-19 Unit at United Memorial Medical Center in Houston | AFP

- Despite its claim to host the world's largest concentration of hospitals and research labs, the city of Houston is dangerously close to being overwhelmed
- Coronavirus cases have exploded in Texas, where Houston is, after Memorial Day weekend in late May and anti-racism protests in June
- The Houston metropolitan area, with 6.5 million residents, had only 128 intensive care beds available on Friday, a new low for the city

Tens of thousands of Covid-19 deaths not counted in Mexico?

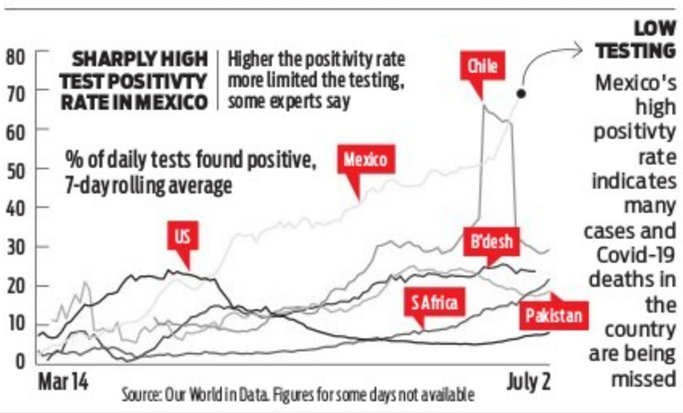
The *Financial Times* reported on Saturday that Mexico's true death toll may be three times the official figure

TRUE TOLL

29,189 Official figure | **48,564** Uncounted deaths

Total 77,753

The estimate for uncounted deaths is from Raul Rojas, a professor of AI at Berlin University, who arrived at the number using excess mortality data, the *Times* reported



Source: Our World in Data. Figures for some days not available

ASIA MATTERS

AFGHANISTAN

Envoy presses on with embattled Taliban deal

Washington's envoy to Afghanistan on Saturday emphasised the economic benefits of the peace deal with the Taliban, forging ahead with an agreement that has run into new obstacles in the US and the region. Zalmay Khalilzad was wrapping up a week-long trip that included stops in Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Qatar, where Taliban negotiators are staying. Accompanying Khalilzad for the first time was an economic development team led by U.S. International Development Finance Corporation CEO Adam Boehler.

PAKISTAN

Construction work at Hindu temple halted

Authorities in Pakistan's capital Islamabad have stopped the construction work at the site of the first Hindu temple to be built in the city for not having an approved building plan, Dawn newspaper reported on Saturday.

NEPAL

NCP to seal PM Oli's fate on Monday

A crucial meeting of Nepal's ruling communist party to decide the political future of Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli was postponed until Monday to allow more time for the top leadership to iron out their differences over his autocratic style of functioning and anti-India statements. The meeting of the Nepal Communist Party's 45-member powerful Standing Committee was scheduled to be held on Saturday. Oli's press advisor Surya Thapa said the meeting was postponed as the top party leaders needed more time to reach an understanding.

US President Donald Trump smiles at Mount Rushmore National Memorial near Keystone, South Dakota | AP

Trump exploits racial divisions in Rushmore speech

KEYSTONE

AT the foot of Mount Rushmore and on the eve of Independence Day, President Donald Trump dug deeper into America's divisions by accusing protesters who have pushed for racial justice of engaging in a "merciless campaign to wipe out our history."

The president, in remarks Friday night at the South Dakota landmark, offered a discordant tone to an electorate battered by a pandemic and seared by the recent high-profile killings of Black people.

He zeroed in on the desecration by some demonstrators of monuments and statues across the country that honor those who have benefited from slavery, including some past presidents.

Four months from Election Day, his comments amounted to a direct appeal to the political base, including many disaffected white votes, that carried him to the White House in 2016. "This movement is openly attacking the legacies of every person on Mount Rushmore," Trump said.

He lamented "cancel culture" and charged that some on the political left hope to "defame our heroes, erase our values and indoctrinate our children."

He said Americans should speak proudly of their heritage and shouldn't have to apologize for its history.

"We will not be terrorized, we will not be demeaned, and we will not be intimidated by bad, evil people," Trump added. "It will not happen."

The speech and fireworks at Mount Rushmore came against the backdrop of a pandemic that has killed over 125,000 Americans.

The president flew across the nation to gather a big crowd of supporters, most of them maskless and all of them flouting public health guidelines that recommend not gathering in large groups. *AP*

Democracy books vanish from Hong Kong libraries

HONG KONG

Books written by prominent Hong Kong democracy activists have started to disappear from the city's libraries, online records show, days after Beijing imposed a draconian national security law on the finance hub.

Among the authors whose titles are no longer available are Joshua Wong, one of the city's most prominent young activists, and Tanya Chan, a well known pro-democracy lawmaker.

Beijing's new national security law was imposed on Tuesday and is the most radical shift in how the semi-autonomous city is run since it was handed back to China by Britain in 1997.

China's authoritarian leaders say the powers will restore stability after a year of pro-democracy protests, will not stifle freedoms and will only target a "very small minority".

But it has already sent fear coursing through a city used to speaking openly, with police arresting people for possessing slogans pushing independence or greater autonomy and businesses scrambling to remove protest displays.

Wong said he believed the removal of the books was sparked by the security law.

"White terror continues to spread, the national security law is fundamentally a tool to incriminate speech," he wrote on Facebook, using a phrase that refers to political persecution.

Searches on the public library website showed at least three titles by Wong, Chan and local scholar Chin Wan are no longer available for lending at any of dozens of outlets across the city.

An AFP reporter was unable to find the titles at a public library in the district of Wong Tai Sin on Saturday afternoon. The city's Leisure and Cultural Services Department, which runs libraries, said books had been removed. *AFP*

Over a dozen feared dead after massive floods & landslides in western Japan

TOKYO

FOURTEEN people were feared dead at a nursing home in western Japan Saturday as record rainfall triggered massive floods and landslides, forcing authorities to issue evacuation advisories for more than 200,000 residents.

The victims were found "in cardio-respiratory arrest" at the facility for elderly people that was flooded after a nearby river broke its banks, governor Ikuo Kabashima from the western region of Kumamoto told reporters.

Authorities in Japan often use that term before a doctor officially certifies death.

"The Self-Defence Forces have launched rescue operations," Kabashima said, adding that three others at the home were suffering from hypothermia. Some 60 to 70 people were in the home as water rushed in to the second floor Saturday morning, public broadcaster NHK said.

Local officials separately said another person was also found in cardio-respiratory arrest in landslides in Kumamoto. They had previously said two were feared dead.

Elsewhere in Kumamoto, one person was seriously injured and nine others were missing while about 100 people were stranded as roads were cut off by floods and landslides, NHK reported.

The nation's weather agency downgraded rain warnings by one notch from the highest emergency level in Kumamoto and nearby Kagoshima, but Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urged local people to be "on maximum alert".

Abe ordered 10,000 troops on stand-by for immediate deployment to join rescue and recovery operations. *AFP*

Areas inundated in muddy waters that gushed out from Kuma River in Hitoyoshi | AP

FMCG CATEGORIES RECORD SHARP DECLINE IN Q4

The HSIE Consumer Index shows that consumption in most FMCG categories fell sharply in Q4 of FY20 based on weighted year-on-year average growth based on revenue. Here's a look at how these categories performed:

EXPRESS READ

GLOBAL HIT

COVID-19 CAUSED HUGE DEMAND DESTRUCTION OVERSEAS: EXIM

New Delhi: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused "demand destruction" in the overseas markets and it is likely to continue for the next few quarters, Exim Bank's David Rasquinha said at a webinar on Saturday. The disruption will last for six to eight months befor business starts to bounce back, other bankers added. "There is a huge demand destruction in the overseas markets," said the MD of Exim Bank, adding that in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, Indian merchandise exports were robust, while exports of services were even stronger. "This was at a time when the Indian rupee had depreciated severely," he noted.

LIQUIDITY CRUNCH

RERA AUTHORITIES PITCH FOR ONE-TIME DEBT RECAST IN REALTY

New Delhi: Real estate regulators will write within a week to the RBI, seeking one-time debt restructuring for the industry to help developers overcome the liquidity issues, Uttar Pradesh RERA Chairman Rajive Kumar said on Saturday. Addressing a webinar, he said: "One big issue is the liquidity challenge." He also added that many stalled projects do not qualify for getting last mile funding from the ₹25,000 crore special window created by the government. The All India Forum of Real Estate Regulatory Authorities (AIFORERA) has decided to take up the issue of one-time debt restructuring with the RBI, said Kumar.

CAPITAL INFUSION

CIL, NLC JV TO INVEST ₹12,000 CR FOR 3,000 MW SOLAR PROJECTS

New Delhi: Coal India Ltd (CIL) and NLC India will jointly develop solar power assets of 3,000 MW with a likely investment of around ₹12,000 crore, PTI reported on Saturday. The two state-run companies had on Friday announced that they would form a joint venture to develop 5,000 MW of solar and thermal power assets across the country. "A solar JV is already in process of formation with an initial capital of ₹10 lakh. Once the company is formed, the respective company boards will decide the final contours of the project," the report said. The government plans to impose 20 per cent basic customs duty duty on imported solar panels.

India digs in heels over 2% levy on foreign e-commerce firms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA has chosen to dig in her heels as far as the 2 per cent equalisation levy imposed on foreign e-commerce transactions are concerned. On Saturday—just three days before the first installment of the tax was to be paid—the Income Tax department notified changes to the respective tax challans. These broaden the challan's scope to include transactions conducted with non-resident e-commerce companies too.

The tax was first proposed in the Union Budget for FY2020-21 and came into effect on April 1. The first installment of the tax is to be paid on July 7.

According to the Finance Bill 2020, this 2 per cent tax is to be levied on all consideration received by foreign e-commerce companies for providing services or supplying goods in India. The move had attracted criticism from the United States, which is host to a large number of companies affected by the tax. While reports had said over the past two months that this tax may be reconsidered, the challan amendments indicate that the Indian government is now going ahead with it.

"The modification of the challan is to facilitate this payment. Earlier this challan only allowed payment for the 6 per cent equalization levy applicable on advertising services that was imposed by Finance Act 2016. Detailed FAQ's and procedural rules are yet to be specified for the new levy," said Deloitte India Partner Rohinton Sidhwa, adding that there have been several requests from industry stakeholders to defer the new tax.

"The industry was expecting its deferral considering the lack of clarification on a few issues," said Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co Partner Amit Singhania.

The changes notified on Saturday modify challan ITNS 285 (relating to payment of equalisation levy) to add "e-commerce operator for e-commerce supply or services" under the 'Type of Deductor' category. The challan also seeks the mandatory disclosure of PAN of the deductor, which experts say may lead to further confusion and difficulty for marketplace stakeholders.

India Inc sales contracted 5% in March quarter

While sectors with a strong balance sheet will recover, others may struggle to survive

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

INDIA Inc had started showing signs of slackening demand even before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the financial results for Q4 FY2019-20 tell that tale. According to SBI's Ecowrap report, a majority of companies across sectors have suffered a revenue degrowth of 5 per cent for the quarter, accompanied by an around 30 per cent dip in operating profits.

"Overall, we feel no sector is untouched with the impact of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns even after opening up will prolong the economic pain," the Ecowrap report said. "Results in Q4FY20 (in listed space ex BFSI and refineries) reveal a de-growth of 5 per cent in revenue and around 30 per cent both in operating profit as well as bottom line," it added.

The worst impacted sectors were automobiles including auto ancillaries, textile, steel, non-ferrous metal, real estate, construction and capital goods. All of which reported double-digit negative growth across parameters.The report notes that while sectors with a strong balance sheet will come out of this crisis, companies with weak balance sheets will find it difficult to survive.

"Subsequently, we observe that sectors such as automobile, FMCG, and consumer durables, though they have reported negative growth in all key parameters in Q4FY20, they also have the requisite balance sheet strength to come out of the current situation," SBI analysts wrote.

However, the report added that sectors such as sugar, steel, telecom services, construction and realty do not have sufficient balance sheet strength and may face difficulties in this uncertain period. That is the reason why many companies have faced ratings downgrades, it pointed out.

"We had 182 rating upgrades and 2,996 rating downgrades for the select sectors during Q1FY21," the report said. It also observes that banks may face trouble too.

"We have also observed that out of the total 3,774 admitted cases in NCLT, 1,527 cases are from manufacturing sector. With the IBC now suspended for a year, this will post significant challenges for banks, " the report said.

NEW RULES

E-comm policy set to mandate disclosing product origin

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE government is likely to roll out the country's first e-commerce policy soon which will include the provisions under Press Note 3 issued by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as well as mandates for sellers to notify the origin of products, top sources privy to the development told *TNIE*.

The revised draft of the e-commerce policy may even entail stricter regulations for e-commerce giants like Amazon and Flipkart, especially after sellers and trader bodies have been accusing them of preferential treatment and predatory pricing leading to market domination.

"DPIIT will put out a draft soon to seek suggestions and get the necessary approvals from the commerce ministry as well as PMO. Most likely, the policy will be rolled out before August 15," sources revealed. Industry watchers said that the government is likely to introduce revised FDI regulations mandating government approval for any investment from a neighbouring country.

Besides, the DPIIT has also been meeting representatives from e-commerce companies over the past week seeking their suggestions on notifying "origin of products" on online marketplaces so that the buyers can make an informed choice. This had come after the Delhi High Court issued notices to e-commerce firms to make mandatory disclosure on every products' country of origin.

The inclusion of provisions under Press Note 3 issued by DPIIT may also worry e-commerce companies since Chinese investors have become a rather large source of investment. "Although China is not dominating the e-commerce market in india, the stricter FDI norms may yet worry Amazon and Walmart-backed Flipkart as the government is focusing on helping native entrepreneurs develop their own apps and marketplaces for a self sufficient India," a market analyst opined.

The Confederation of All India Traders had already written to Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal seeking penalties on e-commerce companies if they are found to be involved in unfair market practices.

NEWSCOPE

Covid has exposed our underfunded healthcare system

GURBIR SINGH

VINAYAK Jadhav, an 80-year old retired banker, living in Chembur, Mumbai, began feeling breathless and ill on May 12. His son Viren, after preliminary examination, tried to admit him at the L H Hiranandani Hospital, in nearby Powai. The swanky, private hospital refused, insisting on a Covid test. By the time Jadhav had one done, and had tested Covid-positive, the hospital said it had no beds. The patient was finally admitted in Seven Hills Hospital, a municipal facility; but by then Vinayak Jadhav's condition had deteriorated sharply. On May 15, he was dead.

Sarfraz Ahmad, 35, a machinist and a resident of Etbhatti, Goregaon (East), Mumbai, fared worse. He died at home, suffering in his small slum hovel on May 30, waiting for the municipal corporation to take him to a hospital. The authorities had been notified and a health team had examined him, promising to return to pick him up on May 29. They never came.

These snapshots are a telling indictment of our collapsing healthcare system. While the central government sanctioned an emergency ₹15,000 crore for the battle against the Coronavirus, the poor healthcare infrastructure could hardly take the load of the massive flow of Covid patients.

VERY LITTLE SPENDING

The United States spends $10,000, or over ₹7 lakh per person per year, on healthcare and it is still struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic. In India, spending on healthcare has increased from ₹1,008 in 2015 to just ₹1,944 in 2020.

TAPAS RANJAN

Private healthcare fails

The situation has been worsened with the private health industry turning a blind eye in the fight against the pandemic. Reports from all major cities showed private hospitals turning away Covid patients. In Mumbai, the Municipal Commissioner I.S. Chahal had to issue an order commandeering 80 per cent of the private beds to ensure Covid patients did not die on the streets. Poonam Muttreja, executive director of Population Foundation of India, told IndiaSpend.org that private hospitals, though they account for two-thirds of hospital beds and 80 per cent of the ventilators, are handling less than 10 per cent of the load of Covid patients.

India's private healthcare industry is not small. It is a $280 billion industry that accounts for 74 per cent of the country's healthcare expenditure. But it is not about rendering primary medical services. It is skewed towards five-star hospitals, and lifestyle diseases covered by huge insurance packages. It is also reflected in our failure to test rapidly and widely to detect Covid-19 cases. With just 737 government and 279 private laboratories, we are testing only 5.5 persons per 1,000 population, compared to Russia's 124, Italy's 85, USA's 86 and Iran 18 per 1000.

At a broader level, the Coronavirus pandemic has exposed India's underfunded healthcare system. The public expenditure on health is just about 1.3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), perhaps the lowest in the world. Allocation for health in the Union Budget 2020-21 is just a modest increase of 5.7 per cent to ₹67,484 crore from the revised estimate of ₹63,830 crore in the previous year. In comparison, OECD's report of 'Health at a Glance' shows the US spent the most on its health system, equivalent to 16.9 per cent of its GDP. France and Germany both spent 11.2 per cent of GDP, Italy 8.8 per cent, and Turkey 4.2 per cent.

No money, no will

Unfortunately, healthcare is no one's baby. Disease and pain from lack of healthcare does not evoke strong protests. If there is a tragedy, it is the family that suffers. And, finally, it has no constituency, it's not something that garners votes. We've had ambitious announcements like the Ayushman Bharat scheme that promised universal healthcare, the wiping out tuberculosis by 2025, PPP model hospitals in 112 aspirational districts and making 2,000 essential medicines available through Jana Aushadi stores to the common man. The list goes on, but it is mostly on paper.

On the ground, the World Health Organization (WHO) says close to two-thirds of expenditure on health in India is direct from people's pockets, compared to the world average of 18.2 per cent. This is pushing 63 million Indians into poverty every year due to unbearable health costs.

If there is a takeaway when we come out of this Covid-19 crisis, is that we have to give more money and importance to healthcare. The US spends $10,000, or over ₹7 lakh per person per year and it is still struggling with Covid. We in India have increased our spend from ₹1,008 in 2015 to just ₹1,944 in 2020. We can do better!

A higher investment in healthcare may not yield immediate votes, but it will certainly improve our human capital by increasing productivity, and lowering infant mortality. There is an ambitious National Health Policy in place which promises doubling health spending from the existing 1.3 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 2.5 per cent by 2025. This means increasing spends on the part of state and central governments by 25 per cent each year for the next 7-8 years. Or till health spending touches ₹8 lakh crore, up from the current ₹2 lakh crore.

This will translate into, say, 100 hospital beds per 10,000 population (up from the 8.5 beds per 10,000), and more primary health centers. Perhaps, we will be more ready when the next health crisis strikes.

PM urges techies to create locally-made mobile apps

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FIVE years after India launched its flagship initiatives—Digital India and Startup India—Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged Indian developers to throw their weight behind creating Made-in-India apps. On Saturday, Modi urged India's IT workforce to take part in an innovation challenge to make "world-class apps" and help create an "Atma Nirbhar App Ecosystem". The move is seen as an effort to fill the void left behind by the 59 Chinese, including TikTok, that were recently banned.

"This challenge is for you if you have such a working product or if you feel you have the vision and expertise to create such products. I urge all my friends in the tech community to participate," Modi wrote in a LinkedIn post.

The challenge will be regulated under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity) along with Atal Innovation Mission and run in two tracks: Promotion of Existing Apps and Development of New Apps. The challenge has been launched in eight broad categories: Office Productivity & Work from Home, Social Networking, E-Learning, Entertainment, Health & Wellness, Business including Agritech and Fintech, News and Games.

Business & Beyond

UCO Bank back in black in last quarter of FY2019-20

UCO Bank declared its financial results this week, recording a net profit of ₹16.78 crore during the quarter ended March 2020 as against a net loss of ₹1,552.03 crore in the quarter ended March 2019. Net loss for the year ended March 31, 2020, has reduced to ₹2,436.83 crore from ₹4,321.08 crore for the year ended March 31, 2020. The operating profit of the bank for the quarter March 2020 has increased to ₹1,216.60 crore from ₹690.55 crore for the quarter ended March 2019.

National Doctors' Day observed at K G Hospital, CLW

National Doctors' Day was observed in K G Hospital of CLW on July 1 by garlanding the portrait of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy on his Birth Anniversary. Doctors also took an Oath on this day, with Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager and Senior Officers watching the programme from the administrative office conference room through video conferencing.

Keonjhar becomes the first district in Odisha to include millets under ICDs

Ashis Thakrey, Collector, Keonjhar, kicked off a mission to increase millet consumption with a special programme held at Durbar hall, in the premises of Collector's office where the Keonjhar district administration with the support of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) introduced Raggi Laddus as morning tiffin for Anganwadi going children across the district.

Red Chief footwear restarts production at Kanpur unit

Akhilesh Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Red Chief Footwear said that the company has resumed operations at its Kanpur unit while keeping all the health and safety guidelines in mind, such as the prerequisites of social distancing and hygiene. "During these unprecedented times, the health and wellbeing of our employees, channel partners and customers is our top priority and all safety measures are being adopted accordingly," Singh said. He also said that their distributors and retailers were also getting back to business.

Priyabrata Pattnaik is new Zonal Manager of Bank of India

Priyabrata Pattnaik, DGM, has taken over the charge of Bhubaneswar Zonal Office of Bank Of India as Zonal Manager. Prior to this assignment he was heading the bank's Agra Zonal Office, U.P. He had joined Bank of India in the year of 1977 as an Officer. In his career, Pattnaik has worked in various capacities in different states like West Bengal, Odisha, Maharastra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

R K Dash is GRSE's New Director (Finance)

Ramesh Kumar Dash assumed charge as Director (Finance) and CFO of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, Kolkata on July 1. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, a Master in Commerce and holds a Bachelor degree in Law. Prior to joining GRSE, Dash worked at HAL, Bangalore and has around 28 years of experience in different CPSUs.

M V Ravi Someswarudu takes over as Chief Executive Officer, GAIL Gas Ltd

M V Ravi Someswarudu has taken over as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GAIL Gas Limited. Prior to this, he was serving as Executive Director & Officer-In-Charge of the Petrochemical Project at GAIL, Pata. He took over from A K Jana, who is now the MD for Indraprastha Gas Limited.

Market may not be ready for IPL: Star chief

Uday Shankar, president of The Walt Disney Company, APAC, and chairman of Star and Disney India, feels the Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted the market. He thinks it may not be ready to support the 2020 edition of the IPL. "The entire economy has gone through a massive shock," Shankar was quoted as saying by *The Economic Times*.

Walking again to be back in shape

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THERE is a general feeling of satisfaction among top athletes who have resumed training at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centers in Patiala, Bengaluru and Ooty. In Bengaluru, race-walkers KT Irfan and Bhawna Jat are happy to have resumed activities. Both have made the cut for next year's Olympics, in the men's and women's 20km events, respectively.

To begin with, they are not going full tilt. The Athletics Federation of India is planning to start the season in September. Irfan and Bhawna are using this time to get back in shape and improve fitness. Coach Alexander Artsynashev is keeping an eye on them.

"There was a long gap, so there is some kind of rustiness. But it is good that we are training outdoors. Before the lockdown, I was in very good shape, ready to compete in any top competition. In order to get back to that level, it will take some time, may be around two months or so," explained Irfan, who was the first Indian track and field athlete to qualify for Olympics last year, when he clocked 1:20.57s in the Asian Race Walking Championships in Japan. The Olympic entry mark was 1:21.00s. Bhawna secured Tokyo ticket with a gold medal -- timing of 1:29.54s – in the national championships in Ranchi in February. The qualification mark was 1:31.00s.

KT Irfan

Compared to the past, they are following a different normal at the Bengaluru centre due to the Covid-19 situation. They carry hand sanitiser. Even when they head for training, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing is a must. There is no sharing of water bottles and towels.

"It is important for us to follow all these guidelines and we are doing it," said Bhawna, who has been training mostly in the mornings and at times, in the evenings. The training schedule also depends on the weather, as the city has been witnessing occasional showers in the evening. The Rajasthan girl is also working on her technique besides other things.

"The focus is mainly on fitness. I am also working on technique. It has not been too long that we have started training. It is important that we do not take too much load right now. There is no competition straightaway, but I feel I should be fit enough by September-October," the 23-year-old said.

LIN OF CONTROL

China's two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan, arguably the greatest badminton player of all time, announced his retirement on Saturday aged 36. Here's a look at his colourful career...

Olympic delight

Won gold at Beijing 2008 and London 2012. Dominated the sport with rival and friend Lee Chong Wei, who retired last year, for more than a decade. Earned the nickname 'Super Dan' at the peak of his career.

Serial winner

Lin is a five-time world champion. Had something of a 'bad boy' reputation in his younger days. He has several tattoos — unusual for Chinese athletes. Ended with 666 singles wins. Was a complete player in his prime. His skill, physical ability and mental strength was incomparable.

Famous rivalry

Lin's rivalry with Lee remains one of the most remarkable rivalries across sports. The Malaysian was World No 1 for 349 weeks, but lost two Olympic and World Championship finals apiece against his nemesis. Lee beat Lin in the 2016 Olympic semifinal. But the gold eluded Lee eventually.

Diminishing returns

Lin's powers waned in later years as age and injuries started taking their toll. The left-hander suffered several first-round defeats last year. Always said he was determined to reach the Tokyo Olympics, but a world ranking of 19 and postponement of the Games left the dream unfulfilled.

BIG RETURNS

- 2 Olympic gold in 2008, 2012
- 5 World C'ship gold in 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013
- 2 World C'ship silver in 2005, 2017
- 2 Asian Games gold in 2006, 2014
- 1 Asian Games silver in 2006
- 4 Asian C'ship gold in 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015
- 2 Asian C'ship silver in 2001, 2017
- 3 Asian C'ship bronze in 2008, 2012, 2016

My family, coaches, teammates and fans have accompanied me through many peaks and difficult troughs. Every forceful jump was a desire for victory. I have dedicated everything to this sport I love.

EXPRESS READ

BFC conferred two-star academy status by AFC

BENGALURU: The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has conferred Bengaluru FC's Youth Development Program with a two-star Academy status, in addition to its endorsement of the All India Football Federation with full membership of its AFC Elite Youth Scheme. Bengaluru FC are the only professional football club to gain the recognition, with Reliance Foundation Young Champs Academy being the other. "We are delighted to confer to the AIFF the AFC Elite Youth Scheme full membership status and the Reliance Foundation Young Champs Academy and JSW Bengaluru FC Academy two-star Academy status," said stated Dato Windsor John, General Secretary of the AFC. Mandar Tamhane, CEO of Bengaluru FC, said that this recognition increases their responsibility towards youth development in the country.

Bairstow and Moeen not in Test squad

MANCHESTER: Jonny Bairstow and Moeen Ali were left out of England's 13-man squad for the first bio-secure Test against West Indies, starting July 8. Nine players were named 'Covid-19' reserves.

Squad: B Stokes (c), J Anderson, J Archer, D Bess, S Broad, R Burns, J Buttler (wk), Z Crawley, J Denly, O Pope, D Sibley, C Woakes, M Wood.

AICF rival groups name same team

CHENNAI: Two warring factions of All India Chess Federation have come up with the same set of names for the Online Olympiad to be played from July 22-August 30.

Team: V Anand, V Gujrathi, P Harikrishna (reserve), K Humpy, D Harika, Bhakti Kulkarni (reserve), Nihal Sareen, R Praggnanandhaa (reserve), R Vaishali, Divya Deshmukh (reserve). **Anand and Humpy yet to confirm participation*

Sports ministry removes ₹2L salary cap for top India coaches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN a move with the potential to revolutionise the coaching system in the country, the sports ministry on Saturday announced that the salary cap of ₹2 lakh for Indian coaches training elite athletes will be removed. This was announced by sports minster Kiren Rijiju.

The minister also said that Indian coaches would get four-year contracts like their foreign counterparts. This is to ensure continuity in training for elite athletes.

"Several Indian coaches are showing very good results and need to be rewarded for their hard work," said Rijiju in a statement. "The government is also keen to attract the best coaching talent from across the country to train our elite athletes and we do not want the cap on compensation to be a deterrent for good coaches to join."

The increased remuneration and longer contract periods, according to the ministry, would attract ex-elite athletes into the high performance sporting ecosystem.

The ministry said eminent coaches already working in various Public Sector Undertakings would also be allowed to join on deputation and be eligible for four-year contracts as well as the higher salary structure.

The remuneration will be decided on the basis of performance as an athlete as well as his or her success as a coach. All new coaches and existing coaches who are given new contracts will be imparting training at national camps and Sports Authority of India's centres of excellence. They will be selected jointly by the ministry and national federations.

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No.: CMCG/TS/CR/11/2020-21 Date: 02.07.2020

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Gowribidanuru, Chikkaballapura District, invites Itemwar Tenders through e-procurement, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 in Service Document forms, from eligible Contractors for the work of construction of Houses to 12 Pourakarmikas in the limits of City Municipal Council, Gowribidanuru, under Griha Bhagya Scheme.

Sl. No.	Details of Work	Approx. Amount (Rs. In lakhs)	E.M.D. Amount (Rs. In lakhs)	Class of Contractor
1	Work of construction of Houses to 12 Pourakarmikas in the limits of City Municipal Council, Gowribidanuru, under Griha Bhagya Scheme.	127.68	1.92	Eligible Contractors

(1) Last date for submission of tender in e-procurement portal: **15.07.2020 up to 4.00 PM.** Date of opening the bid: **16.07.2020 at 5.00 PM. (2)** The above published tender works are subject to terms and conditions as per Standard Service Document and all related documents should be uploaded through online, In case the Tender is being postponed, it will be published only through e-procurement. **(3)** City Municipal Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders. **(4)** Further information can be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and from Municipal Commissioner/ technical section during office hours.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Gowribidanuru

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner and Administrative Officer, City Municipal Council, Gowribidanuru

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಘಬಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2, ಹಿಡಕಲ್‌ಡ್ಯಾಂ

ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08333-263242 / ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸಂ: 08333-263405 / ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eegrbc2@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ-2/ಡಿಪಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2020-21/626 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04/07/2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮಾನ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಜಿಆರ್‌ಬಿಸಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 2 ಹಿಡಕಲ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ, ತಾ: ಹುಕ್ಕೇರಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇವರು ಆಧಾರದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಾಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ರೂಲ್ 28ರನ್ವಯ Single Cover System (ಏಕ-ಲಕೋಟೆ) ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದವರೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

Number of works	2 No's
Estimated Cost Put to Tender	Rs. 1.78 Lakhs to 11.60 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 5000.00 to 18000.00
Last Date for Tender Queries / Clarifications	07-07-2020 Up to 17:00 Hrs
Last Date for Receipt of Tenders / Bids through e-portal	16-07-2020 Up to 17:30 Hrs
Date of Opening of financial bid	20-07-2020 at 11:00 Hrs Onwards

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ / ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ನಿಯಮಗಳು / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ http:// www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮೇಲೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಆರ್.ವ್ಹಿ.ಚಿತ್ತವಾಡಗಿ)

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, Bashyam Park, South Central Street, Bengaluru

No.: EE/GNR/E-PROC/001/2020/21 Date: 06.07.2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Only through E-Procurement) - SINGLE COVER TENDER

Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-1 & 2, by the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government organisations may apply through e-procurement portal as per schedule of events.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Thousand)
1	Desilting of Secondary drains in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	10.00	20.00
2	Construction of Cement Concrete Road at Conservancy Between 8th and 9th Cross of Bhuvaneshwarinagar in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
3	Construction of Cement Concrete Road at 6th Cross SWD to 5th Main Road of Bhuvaneshwarinagar in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
4	Construction of CC Road at 1st Main 7th Cross of Bhuvaneshwarinagar in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
5	Construction of CC Road at 3rd and 3rd A Cross of Bhuvaneshwarinagar upto SWD in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	40.00	80.00
6	Filling up of potholes and Bad Reaches in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	20.00	40.00
7	Construction of Cement Concrete Road at 1st Main 6th Cross of Bhuvaneshwarinagar upto SWD in **Ward No. 121. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
8	Maintenance of Thammaiah Park in **Ward-121. (Others)**	5.00	10.00
9	Construction of UGD Lines at Bhuvaneshwarinagar in **Ward-121. (SC)**	25.00	31.25
10	Engaging of Gangman and Hiring of Tractor / Tipper for Maintenance of Road Side Drains and other civil works in **Ward No. 109. (Others)**	20.00	40.00
11	Providing CC Road and improvements to drain at 6th Cross Gandhinagar and surrounding areas in **Ward No. 94. (Others)**	50.00	100.00
12	Construction of Arch for Sri Ananthaswamy Ashrama next to Kapali Theatre in **Ward No. 94. (ST)**	15.00	18.75
13	Improvements to Road and Drains in Shetty Muddanna Lane and Surrounding in **Ward-120. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
14	Improvements to Road and Drains in Madarsablane and Surrounding in **Ward-120. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
15	Improvements to Roads and Drains in **Ward-120. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
16	Providing Cement Concrete Road to Cut portion and Damaged Portion in **Ward-120. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
17	Maintenance of Roads and footpath in **Ward-120. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
18	Solid Waste Maintenance in **Ward-77. (Others)**	45.00	90.00
19	Sinking Borewell and Providing Water Supply connection at Chickpet in **Ward-109. (Others)**	20.00	40.00
20	Maintenance of Office in **Ward-109. (Others)**	25.00	50.00
21	Distribution of plastic Dustbin to Houses for Solid Waste Management in **Ward No. 109. (Others)**	7.50	15.00
22	Providing RO Plant at Chickpet in **Ward-109. (Others)**	15.00	30.00
23	Sinking Borewell and Providing Water Supply Connection at Chickpet in **Ward-109. (Other)**	20.00	40.00
24	Removing CC Road and providing asphalting to 6th main Road in Swathantra Palya in **Ward-95. (SC)**	30.00	37.50
25	Removing CC Road and providing asphalting to 6th, 7th and 4th Cross Road in Swathantra Palya in **Ward-95. (SC)**	30.00	37.50
26	Providing Drinking Water in **Ward-109. (Others)**	10.00	20.00

Calendar of Events: (1) The Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders is: **04.08.2020** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Last date for submission of tender difference amount: **05.08.2020** upto **4:30 p.m. (4)** Openeing of Tenders: **06.08.2020** at **11:30 a.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BBMP

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

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E-Tender Notice No: 23205024 Date: 03-07-2020

For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy.Chief Materials Manager, Railway Electrification, Chennai-8 invites following E-Tender.

E -Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Tender Due Date	Earnest Money
23205024	Diado type tokenless block instrument	5 pairs	27-07-2020	₹ 74,340/-

Note: The complete infomation of above E-Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS Website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in. Only E-Bids shall be accepted against above Tender.** The E-Bids may be submitted **before 11.00 hrs on** Tender opening date.

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No.EE/KNNL/HBC/PB/tender/Recall-2/ Man power /2020-21/ 830 Date: 03.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (RE CALL-2)(THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)

Reference:1)No.EE/KNNL/HBC/PB/tender/Man power /2020-21/ 538 dtd 16.06.2020

In Continuation of tender notification published vide ref above due to No Bids Received in 1st call. Hence now Tender notification (Re Call-2) through e-procurement platform are invited by the EE KNNL, HBC Division, Atahni on behalf of the M.D. KNNL 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building No: 1 Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01 From CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor with labour licence belonging to ST Category (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) For Sl.No.1 & 2 work for the Supplying Man Power for Operation and Maintenace of Ainapur LIS 2nd Stage @ Mangsuli & Karimasuti LIS 1st Stage at Nandagaon for the year 2020 to 2021 (Including silt removal & jungle clearence), For Sl.No.3 Registered Man Power Agency with labour licence belonging to SC Category work for the Supplying security guards to Hipparagi Barrage for the year 2020 to 2021. The contractors are expected to apply in Single Cover system (as per KTTP act 2000) The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www .eproc. Karnataka .gov.in/eportal /index.seam

The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 05.07 Lakhs and 13.18 lakhs

1	The contractor can request for e-tendering documents	From 06.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 14.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for tender queries	07.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	From 06.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 14.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
4	Opening of Financial Bid	16.07.2020 @ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-xx K K Jaliberi, Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani.

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Electricity-free centrifuge for Covid testing developed

Device spins tubes containing saliva at high speeds to separate virus genome from other components, eliminating the need for power

HANDYFUGE

NEW YORK: Researchers, led by an Indian scientist, have developed a cheap, electricity-free centrifuge to separate components in patient saliva samples for the detection of the novel coronavirus, an innovation that may increase accessibility of Covid-19 diagnostics in poor regions of the world.

According to the scientists, including Manu Prakash from Stanford University, the 'Handyfuge' device spins tubes containing patient saliva at very high speeds, enough to separate the virus genome from other components in the sample, without needing electricity. They said the cheap centrifuge, described in a yet-to-be peer-reviewed study published in the platform *medRxiv*, can be assembled using readily available components for a cost less than $5 per unit.

It can allow clinicians and scientists to carry out a quick and cheap diagnostic technique called the LAMP assay to detect the presence of the novel coronavirus genome in patient saliva samples, the scientists noted.

The LAMP protocol, according to Prakash and his team, "has the benefits of being simple, requiring no specialised equipment, rapid, requiring less than an hour from sample collection to readout, and cheap, costing around one dollar per reaction using commercial reagents."

While the assay has several merits, the Stanford scientists said there could be a variability in output in diagnostic methods based on viral genome detection in saliva samples.

This simple electricity-free LAMP protocol builds on fantastic work by Cepko lab at Harvard, but with a hand powered centrifuge to make this assay completely electricity free for resource constrained settings

Manu Prakash, Stanford University

They explained that this is due to the saliva containing substances which can inhibit diagnostic reagents.

"Centrifugation to separate the reaction inhibitors from inactivated sample was shown to be an effective way to ensure reliable LAMP amplification," the scientists wrote in the study.

However, they said a centrifuge capable of safely achieving the necessary speeds of 2000 rotations per minute (RPM), for several minutes, costs hundreds of dollars, also requiring a power supply.

With Handyfuge, this hurdle can be over come, believes Prakash — a professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, whose lab had earlier developed a cheap "origami microscope" called 'Foldscope'. The scientists explained that the novel device uses a mechanical strategy similar to that seen in 'Dynotorch' flashlights to generate centrifugal force using kinetic input from the user.

"The user repeatedly squeezes the handle to spin a small freewheel connected to a centrifuge spindle," they wrote in the study.

After a designated amount of time, enough centrifugal force is applied to the sample-containing tubes, the scientists said, yielding a separated liquid layer that is free of chemicals that may inhibit the coronavirus genetic material, its RNA.

"This supernatant can then be reliably used for LAMP detection of SARS-CoV-2 or other viruses," they wrote.

According to the study, the Handyfuge-LAMP assay works based on protocol for the diagnostic method developed by scientists, Brian Rabe and Constance Cepko, from Harvard University in the US.

"This simple electricity-free LAMP protocol builds on fantastic work by Cepko lab at Harvard, but with a hand powered centrifuge to make this assay completely electricity free for resource constrained settings," Prakash's lab mentioned in a tweet.

According to the scientists, the Handyfuge, combined with the assay from Cepko and Rabe, works reliably in detecting synthetic Covid-19 RNA "down to 10-100 copies per microlitres in saliva."

EXFILE

Germany to phase out coal power

German lawmakers have finalised the country's long-awaited phase-out of coal as an energy source, backing a plan that environmental groups say isn't ambitious enough and free marketeers criticise as a waste of taxpayers' money. We take a look

HISTORIC BILLS

On Friday, both houses of parliament approved the bills to shut down the last coal-fired power plant by 2038

$45 BN

Amount to be spend to help affected regions cope with the transition

ENERGY TRANSITION

The plan is part of Germany's effort to wean Europe's biggest economy off planet-warming fossil fuels and generate all of the country's considerable energy needs from renewable sources

The days of coal are numbered in Germany. Germany is the first industrialised country that leaves behind both nuclear energy and coal

Svenja Schulze, Environment Minister

PROTESTS

Environmental groups have staged protests against the plan. They also covered headquarters of Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Party (CDU) with black panels

They argue that this won't reduce Germany's greenhouse gas emissions fast enough to meet the targets set out in the Paris climate accord

2018

Germany closed its last black coal mine. But it continues to import the fuel and extract its own reserves of lignite, a brownish coal

FEAR OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

Officials warn that the loss of mining jobs could hurt those economically fragile regions, though efforts are already under way to turn the vast lignite mines into nature reserves and lakeside resorts

NO PAYOUTS

Environmentalists have also criticised the large sums being offered to coal companies to shut down their plants

SPAIN GOES GREEN

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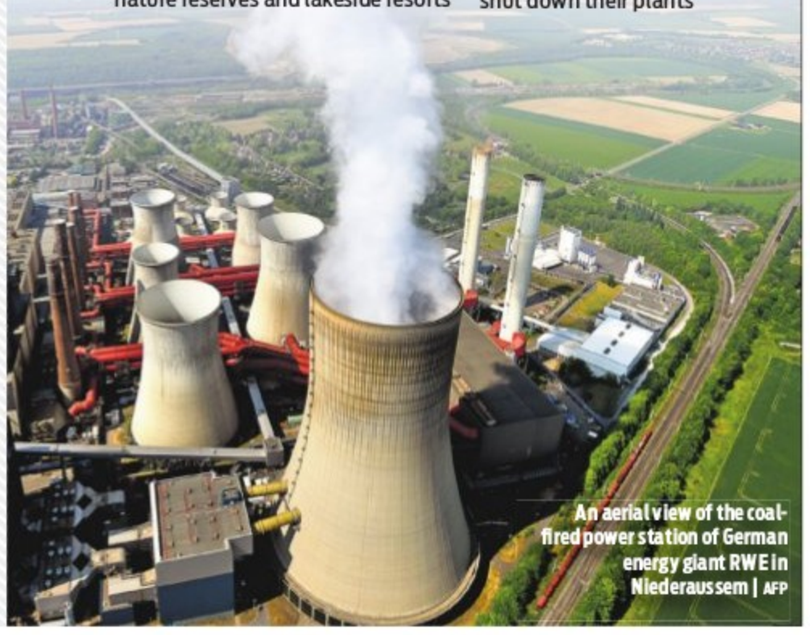
of Spain's 15 coal-fired power plants were shut last week. Companies claim that they couldn't be operated at profit without government subsidies

JAPAN OPEN TO OPTIONS

On Friday, Japan vowed to study concrete ways of phasing out old, more carbon-emitting coal-fired power stations by 2030, following reports it plans to mothball around 100 ageing plants



An aerial view of the coal-fired power station of German energy giant RWE in Niederaussem | AFP

5G opponents set mobile antennas on fire in Cyprus

CONSPIRACY THEORY

NICOSIA: A small group of people who oppose 5G mobile telephone technology is likely responsible for arson attacks against four mobile telephone antenna installations in Cyprus' coastal town of Limassol, a Cypriot police official said on Friday.

Police spokesman Christos Andreou told *The Associated Press* that law enforcement authorities have agreed with telecommunication service providers to step up security measures around antenna installations including stronger fencing and more frequent police patrols.

A statement issued by state-owned Cyprus Telecommunications Authority said that authorities are "greatly troubled" over the overnight arson attacks against antennas in three different parts of the city this week. Cyprus currently has no 5G network installed.

Similar acts of vandalism have been repeated dozens of times this year in Europe, where conspiracy theories linking new 5G mobile networks and the coronavirus pandemic are fueling arson attacks on cell towers.

Popular beliefs and conspiracy theories that wireless communications pose a threat have long been around, but the global spread of the virus at the same time that countries were rolling out fifth generation wireless technology has seen some of those false narratives amplified.

TRUNK CALL

Damar, a newly born calf, snuggles with its 22-year-old mother Ngatini, at Buluhcina Nature Park, Indonesia, on Friday | AFP

2nd American dog tests +ve for virus

COVID IN CANINES

ATLANTA: A dog in Georgia is believed to have been the second canine in the US to test positive for the virus that causes Covid-19, officials said.

The six-year-old mixed breed dog was tested after its owners contracted Covid-19 and the dog began suffering from a neurological illness, the Georgia Department of Health said on Wednesday.

The dog was positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

The dog was euthanised after the neurological illness progressed. Officials said the dog's neurological illness was caused by a condition unrelated to the coronavirus.

Guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that based on the limited information available so far, the risk of pets spreading coronavirus to people "is considered to be low."

Health officials have advised people to avoid contact with their pets including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, sharing food when they are ill.

Cross-country drive for Tesla

FACT OF THE MATTER

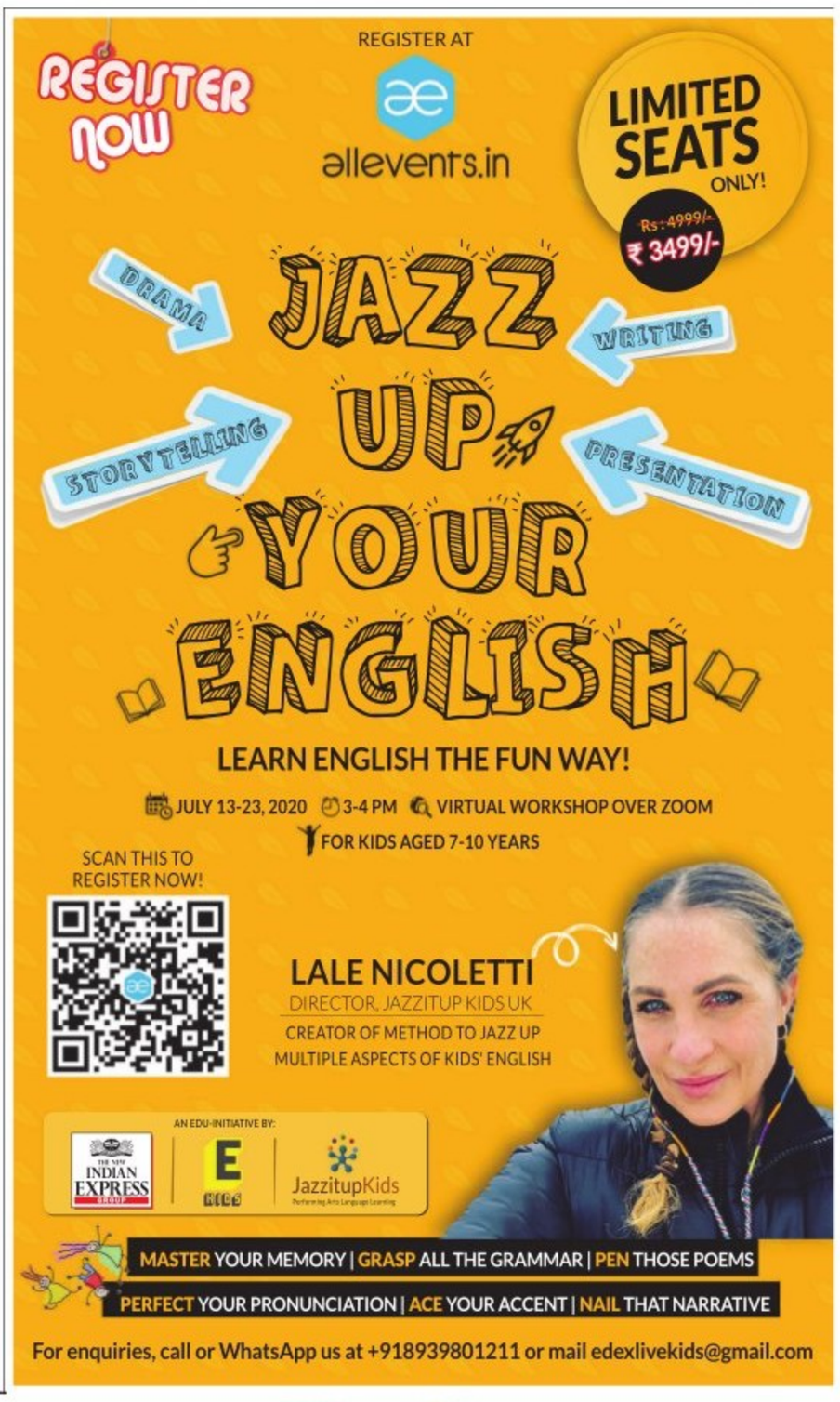
CYBERTRUCK DISPLAY

Tesla aims to do a cross-country drive with Cybertruck later this year to let people closely see the electric pickup truck, said Elon Musk. A fan asked Tesla CEO when the East Coast of the US would get a glimpse of the futuristic EV pickup. "Sure, we will aim to do a cross-country drive with Cybertruck later this year," the founder, and CEO of SpaceX replied on Friday. West Coast is Cybertruck's exclusive area. A cross-country road trip in a Cybertruck would undoubtedly generate an enormous amount of traction on all social platforms for the truck and the manufacturer. Tesla is also reportedly planning to build its next Gigafactory factory to produce Cybertrucks near Austin, Texas.

REDESIGNING INSTA'S STORIES?

TECH BUZZ

Instagram is preparing to launch a huge redesign that would make easier to watch Stories in one place. Julian Gamboa, Marketing and Social Media Manager at Adweek, recently posted screenshots of the new layout to Twitter and wrote: "You have heard of two rows of Instagram Stories...Now prepare for SEE ALL STORIES." The screenshots indicate that the main feed may soon include two rows of Stories at the top of the screen. Additionally, there will be a new 'See All Stories' bar at the top of the screen and once tapped, a user will be taken to a new tab in which all friends stories are laid out in a grid. Instagram is also working on a new feature called video note for its standalone messaging app Threads.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RACE POLITICS

Will protestors pull down Confederate monument?

COLOSSAL CARVING

STONE MOUNTAIN: Some statues of figures from America's slave-owning past have been yanked down by protesters, others dismantled by order of governors or city leaders.

However, the largest Confederate monument ever crafted — colossal figures carved into the solid rock of a Georgia mountainside — may outlast them all.

Stone Mountain's supersized sculpture depicting Gen. Robert E Lee, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Gen. Thomas J "Stonewall" Jackson mounted on horseback has special protection enshrined in Georgia law.

Even if its demolition were sanctioned, the monument's sheer size poses serious challenges.

The carving measures 58 metres across and 27 metres tall. An old photo shows a worker on scaffolding just below Lee's chin barely reaching his nose. Numerous Confederate statues and monuments to American slave owners have come down across the South amid recent protests against racial injustice. Stone Mountain hasn't escaped notice.

After organising a protest where thousands marched in neighbouring Atlanta, 19-year-old Zoe Bambara held a demonstration June 4 with a much smaller group — her permit allowed no more than 25 — inside the state park where the sculpture has drawn millions of tourists for decades.

An estimated 10,000 people attended the monument's dedication in 1970. Another two years passed before its official completion.

"The Confederacy doesn't celebrate the South; it celebrates white supremacy," said Bambara, who is Black. "The people on that mountain, they hated me. They didn't know me, but they hated me and my ancestors. It hurts to see those people celebrated and a memorial dedicated to them."

Still, Bambara admits she's at a loWss for what should be done with the massive monument, conceived some 50 years after the Civil War ended but not finished until 1972.

The sculpture's creators used dynamite to blast huge chunks of granite away from the mountain, then spent years carving the detailed figures with hand-held cutting torches. Erasing the carving would be dangerous, time-consuming and expensive.

The stone is likely too durable for sandblasting, said Ben Bentkowski, president of the Atlanta Geological Society. Controlled explosions using TNT packed into holes drilled in the mountainside would work, he said.